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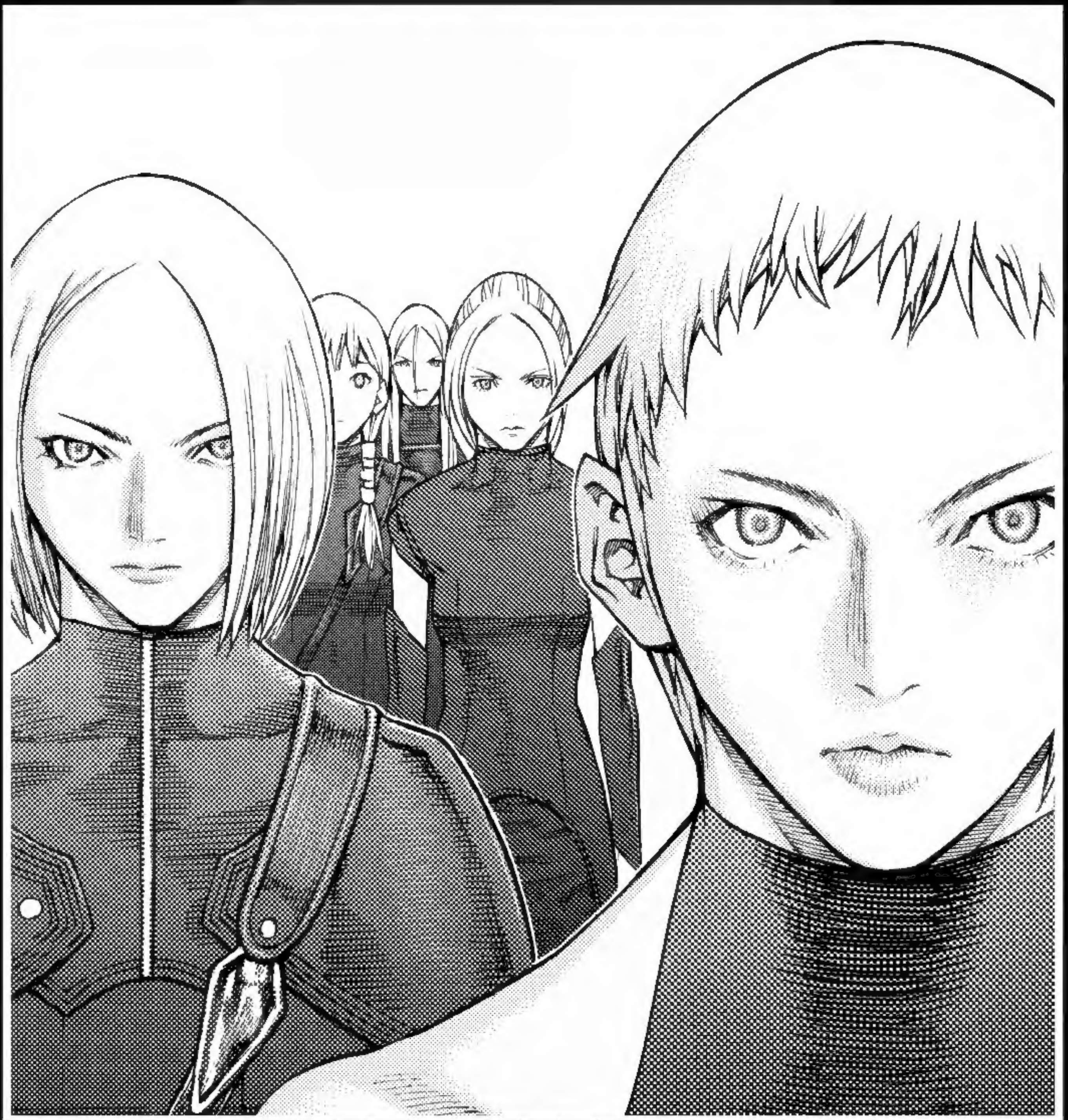

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Remains of the Demon Claw

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The Story Thus Far

Creatures known as Yoma have long preyed on humans, who were once powerless against their predators. But now mankind has developed female warriors who are half human and half monster, with silver eyes that can see the monsters' true form. These warriors came to be called Claymores after the immense broadswords that they carried.

Seven years have passed since the Battle of the North. As Priscilla wreaks havoc, Clare allows the hideous fusion of Rafaela and Luciela to absorb her. Meanwhile, Miria strikes out alone to face the Organization, but she is felled by its new generation of warriors…

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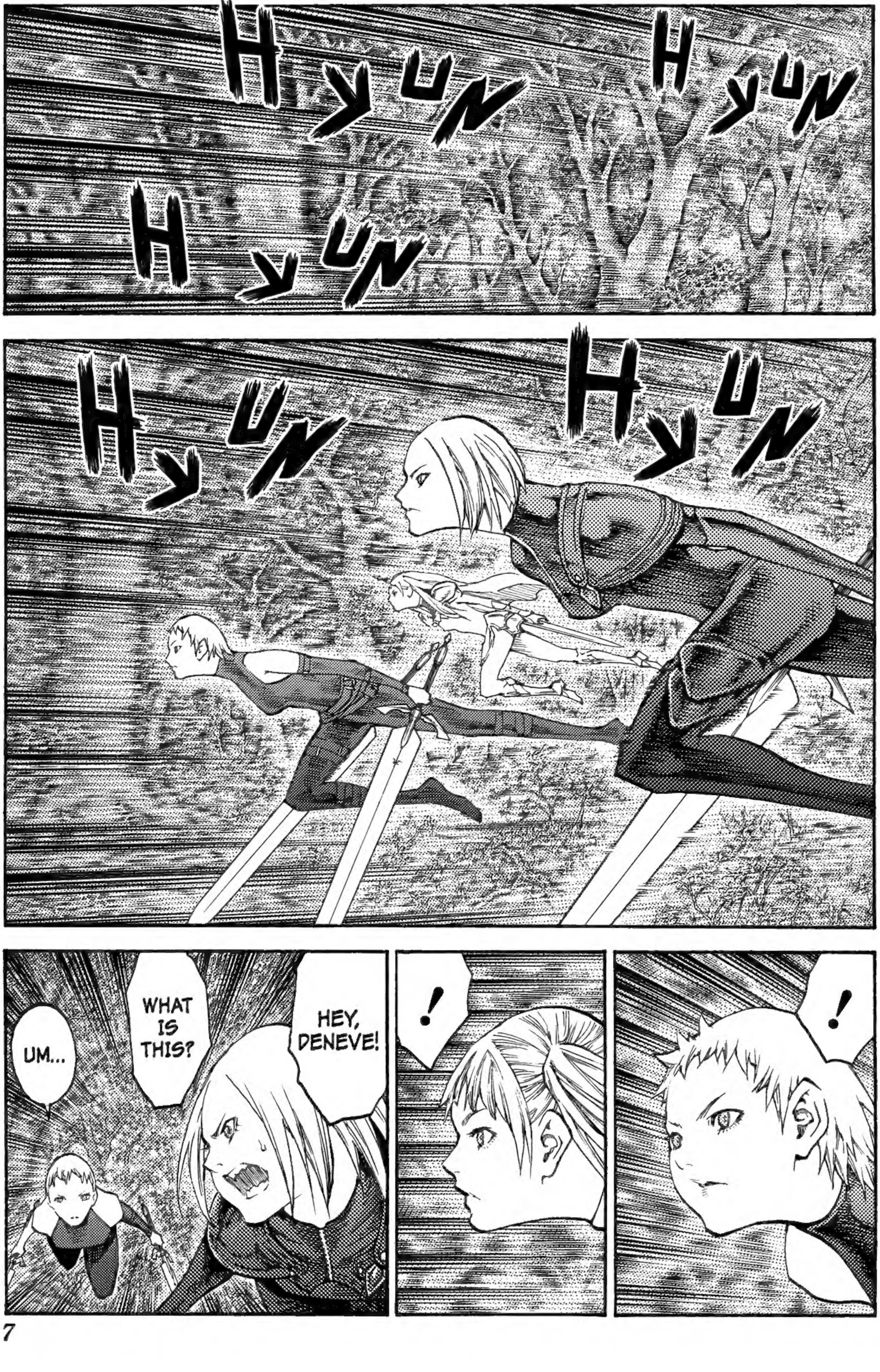
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HYUN
HYUN
HYUN
HYUN
!
!
HEY, DENEVE!
WHAT IS THIS?
UM...

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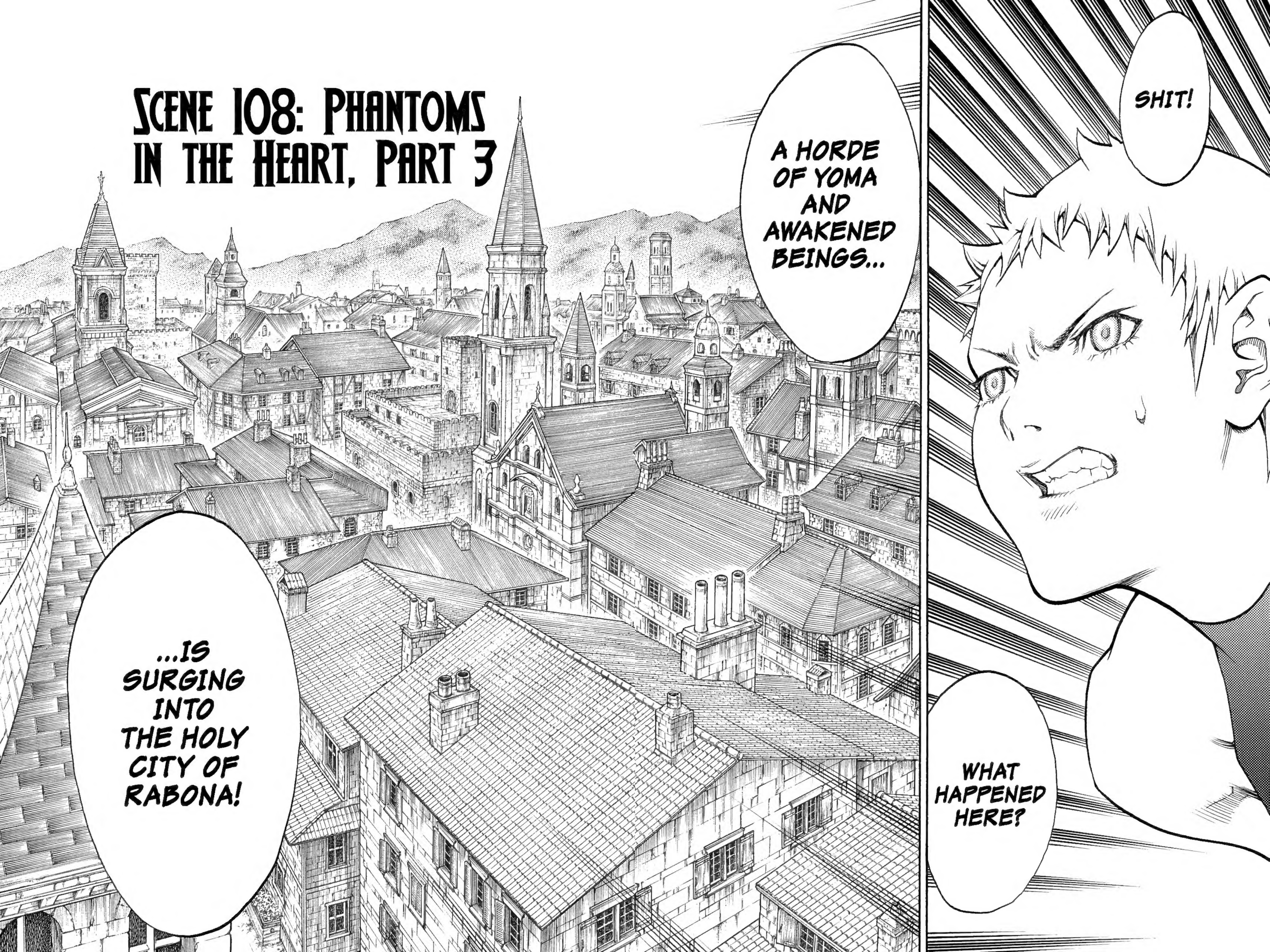
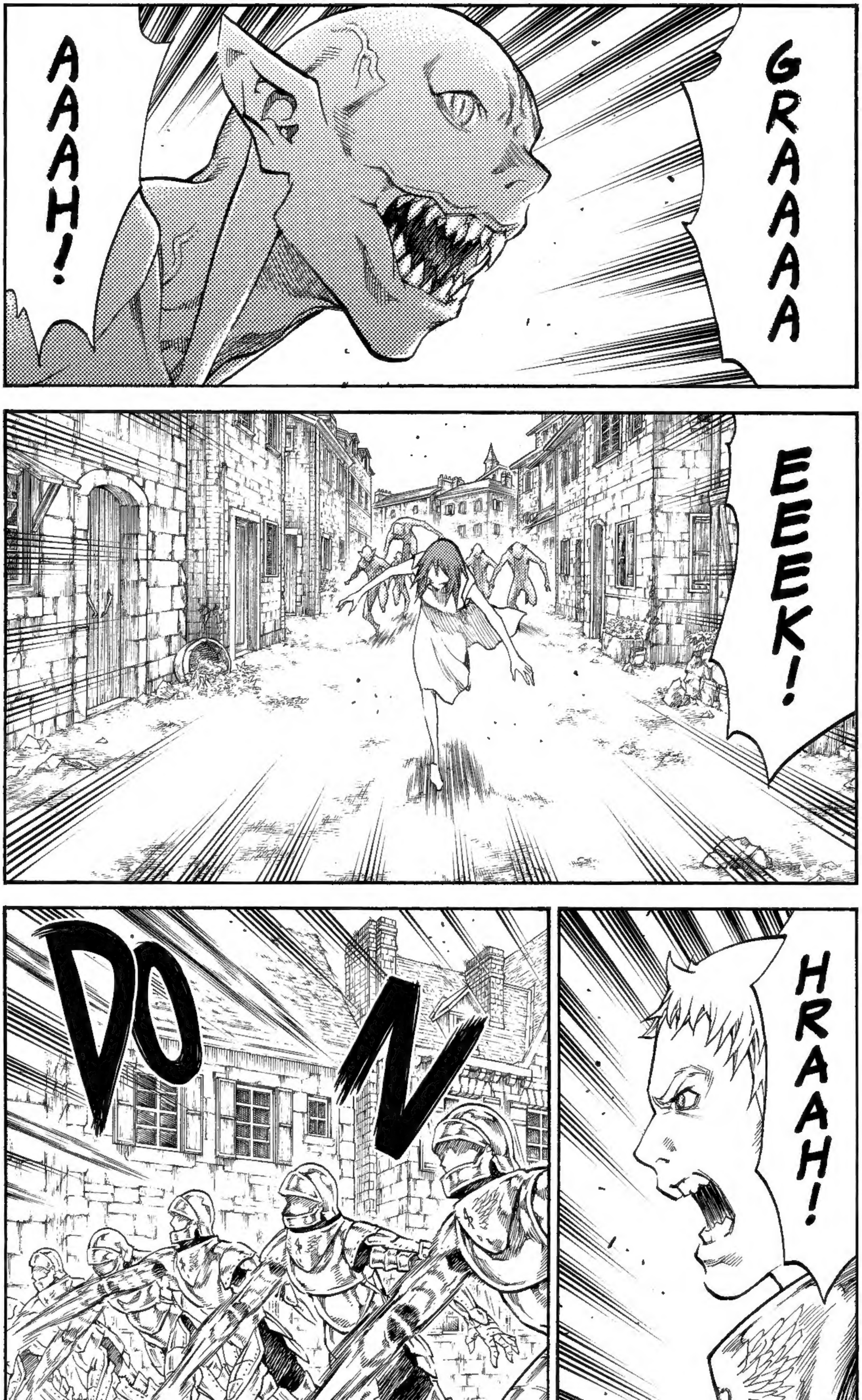

SHIT!
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
A HORDE OF YOMA AND AWAKENED BEINGS...
...IS SURGING INTO THE HOLY CITY OF RABONA!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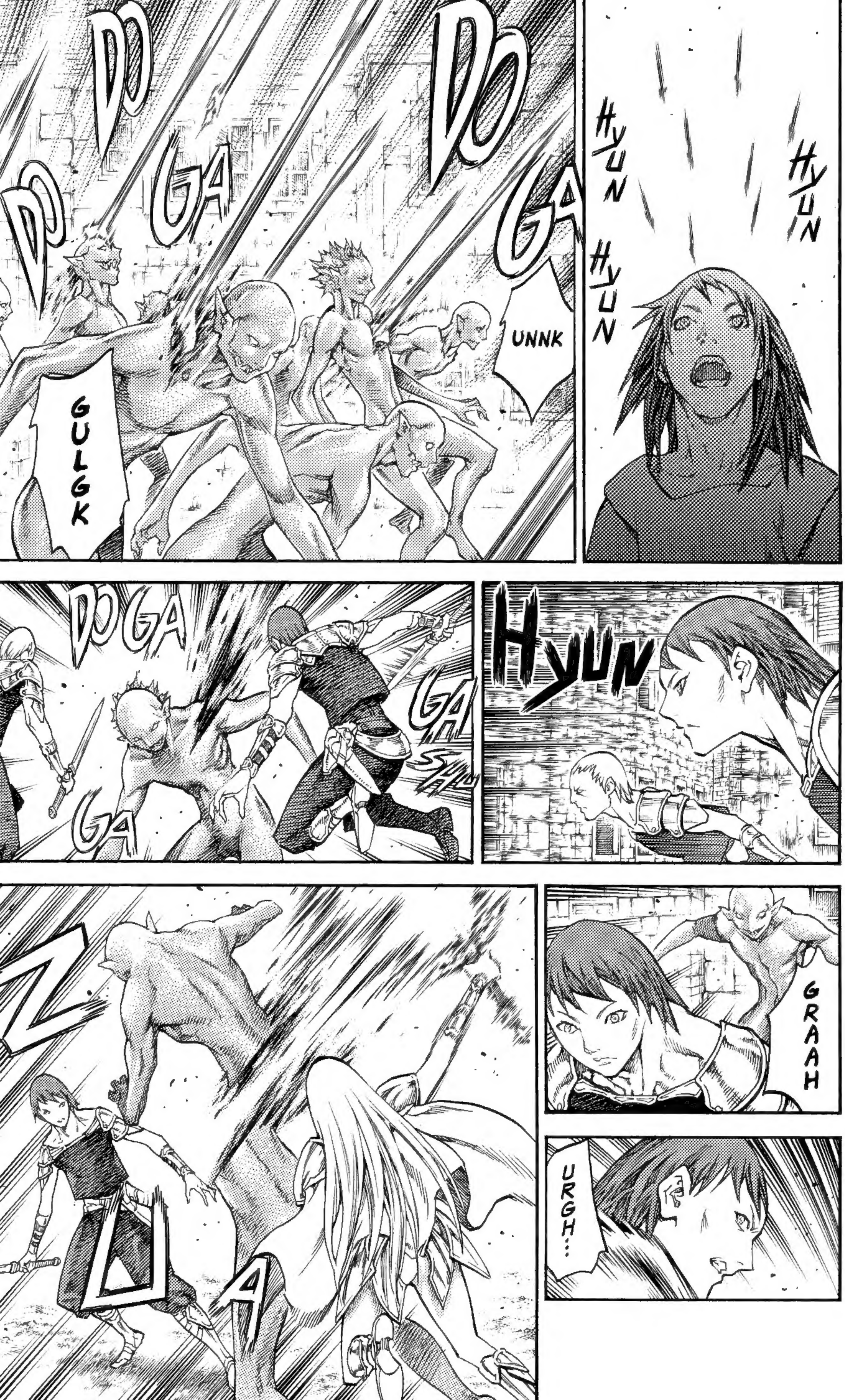
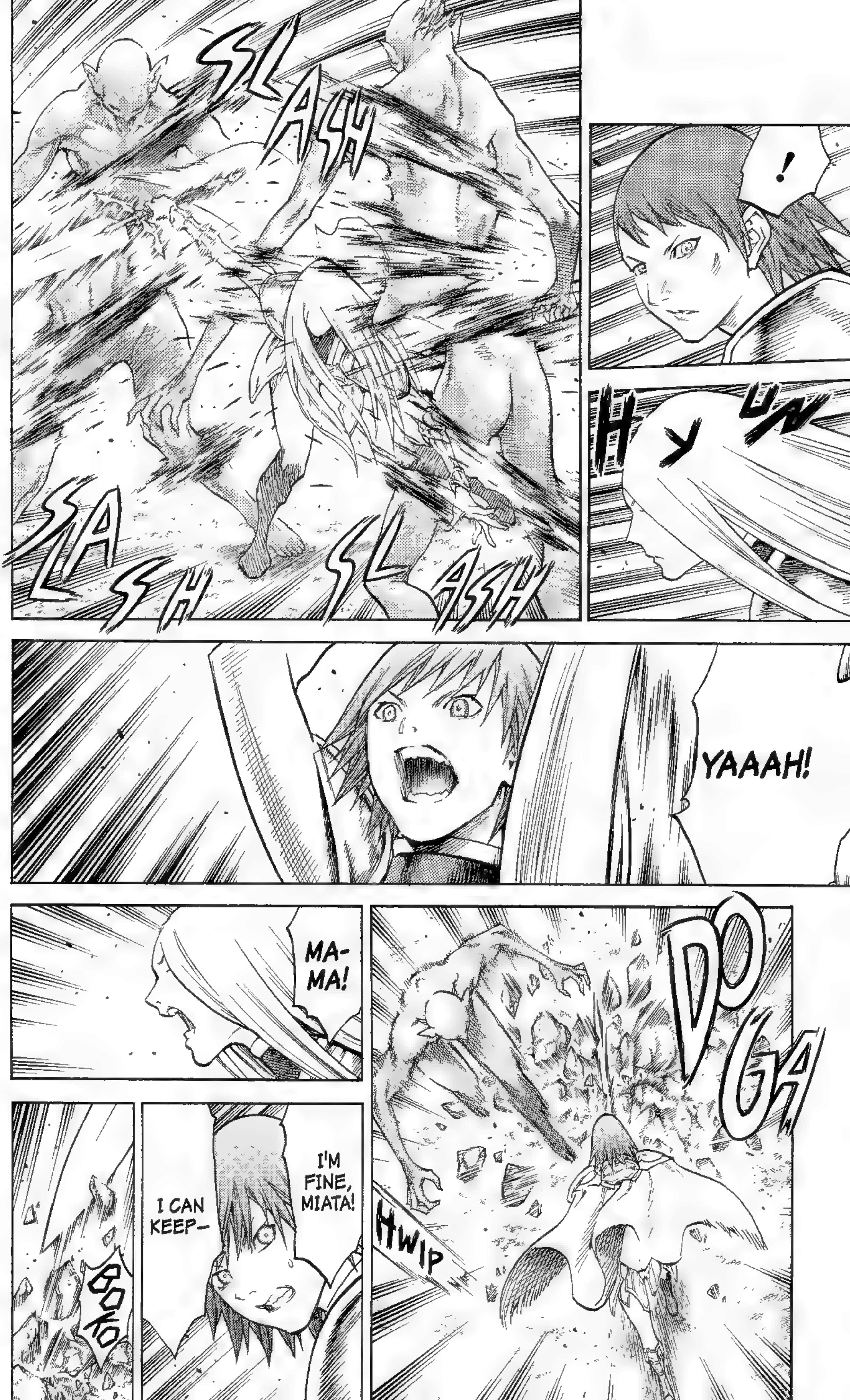
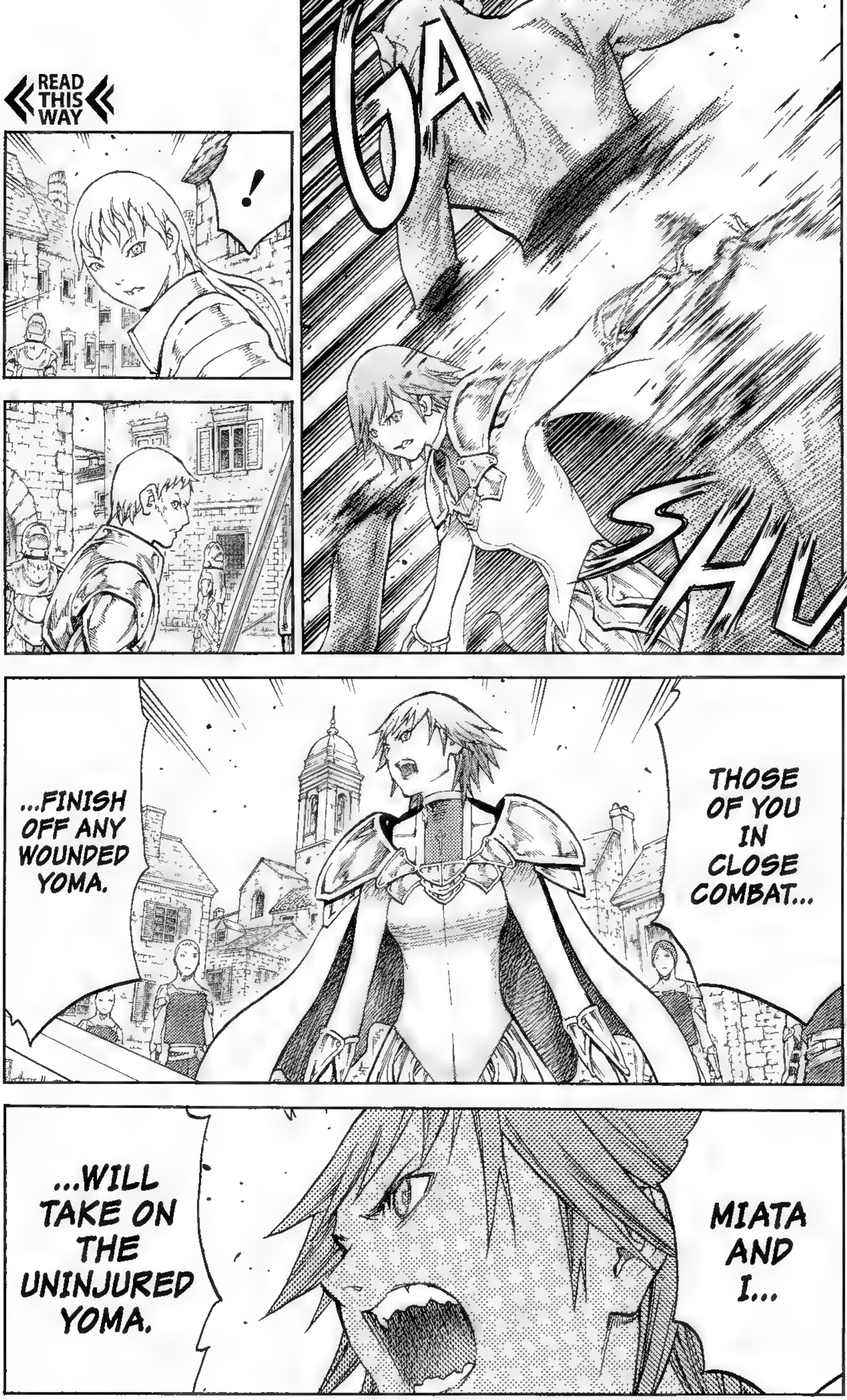
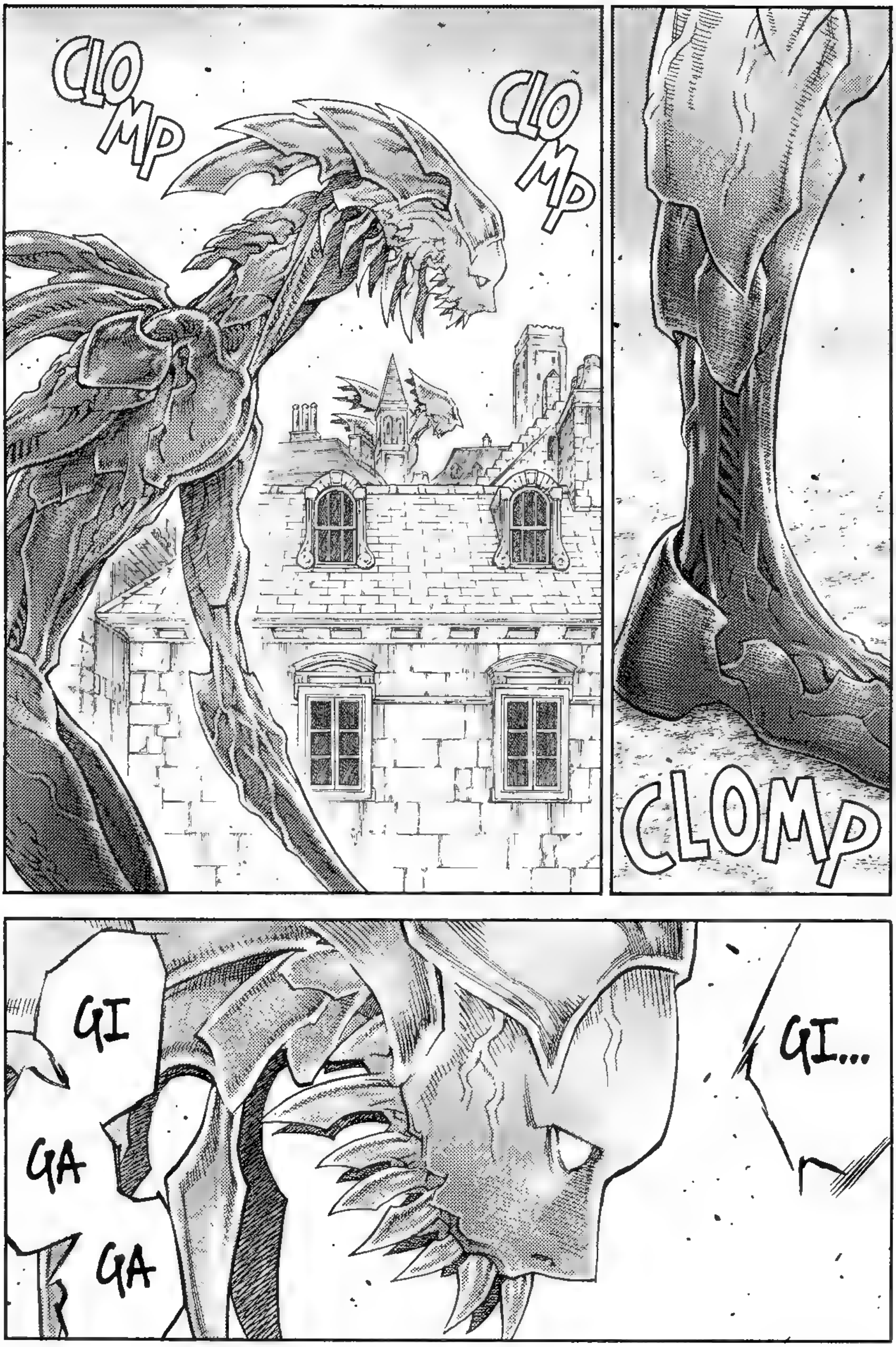
AAAH!
EEEEK!
HRAAAH!
DON


HYUN
HYUN
HYUN
DO
DO
GA
DO
DO
GA
UNNK
GULGK
HYUN
DOGA
GA
GASHU
GA
GRAAH
URGH...
ZUA

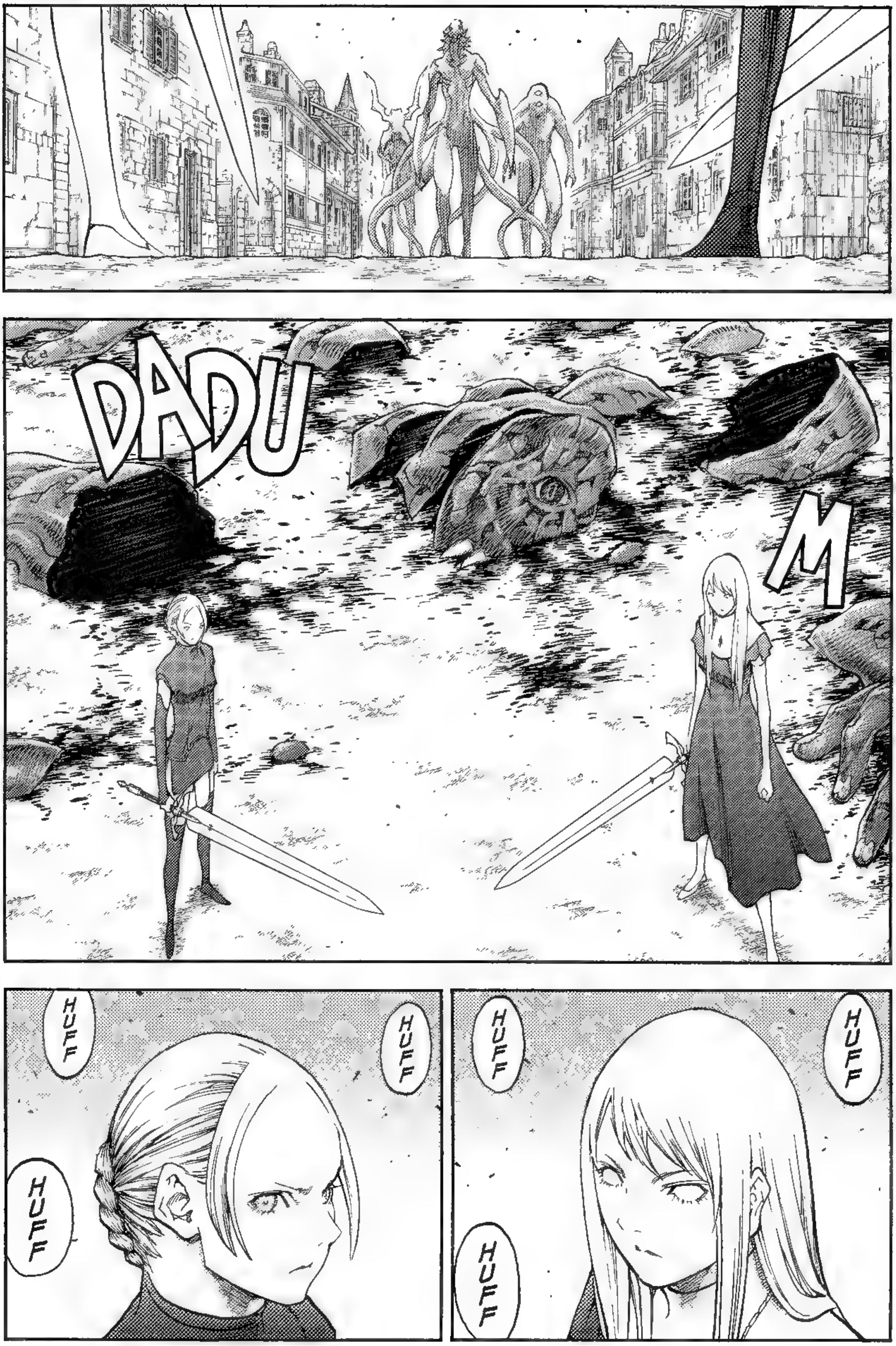

!
HYUN
SLASH
SLASH
SLASH
YAAAH!
DOGA
HWIP
MA-MA!
I'M FINE, MIATA!
I CAN KEEP—
BOKO

« READ THIS WAY «


GA
SHU
!
THOSE OF YOU IN CLOSE COMBAT...
...FINISH OFF ANY WOUNDED YOMA.
MIATA AND I...
...WILL TAKE ON THE UNINJURED YOMA.


CLOMP
CLOMP
CLOMP
GI
GA
GA
GI...

READ THIS WAY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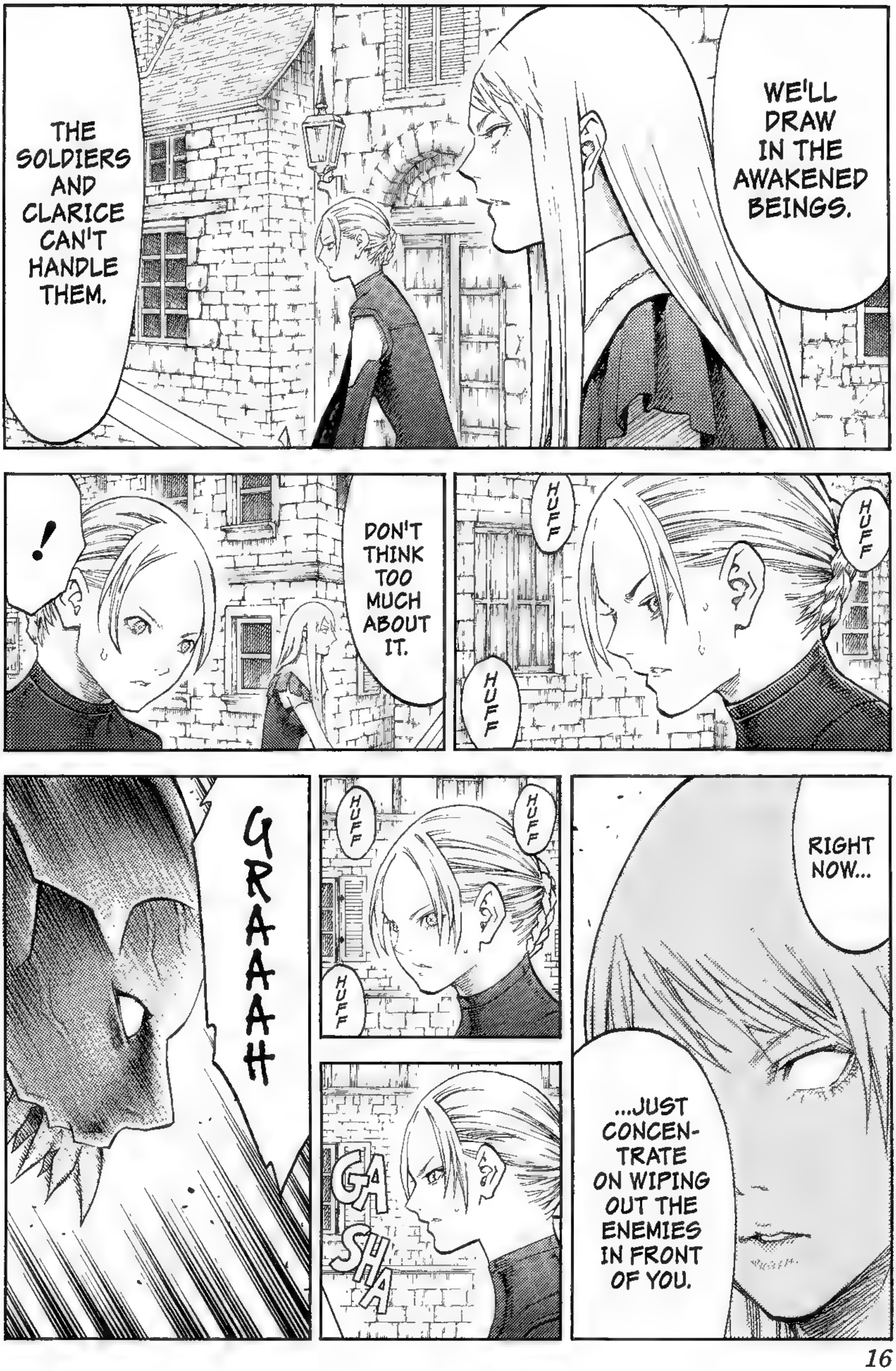
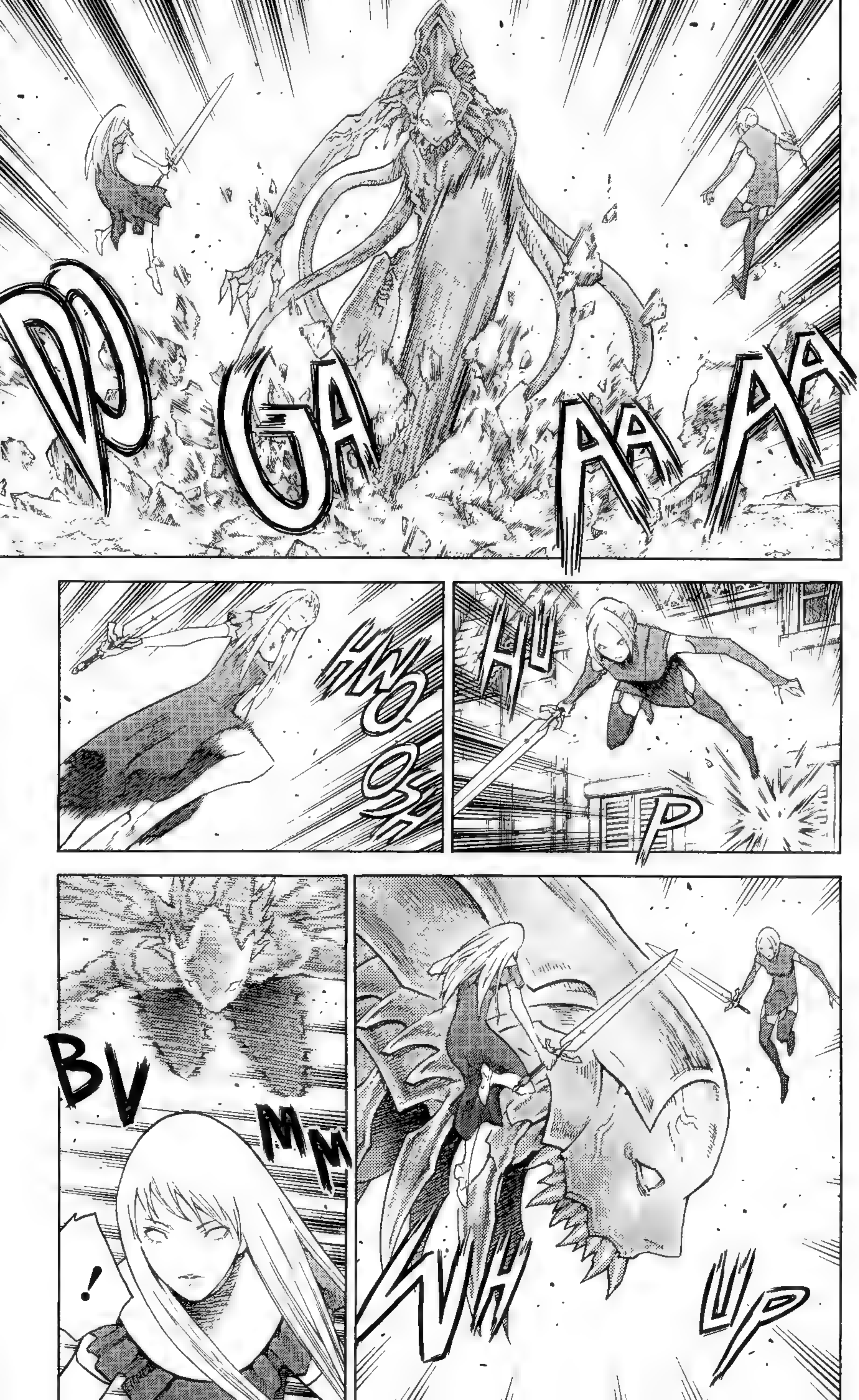
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


WE'LL DRAW IN THE AWAKENED BEINGS.
THE SOLDIERS AND CLARICE CAN'T HANDLE THEM.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
DON'T THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT.
!
RIGHT NOW...
...JUST CONCENTRATE ON WIPING OUT THE ENEMIES IN FRONT OF YOU.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
GASHA
GRAAAAH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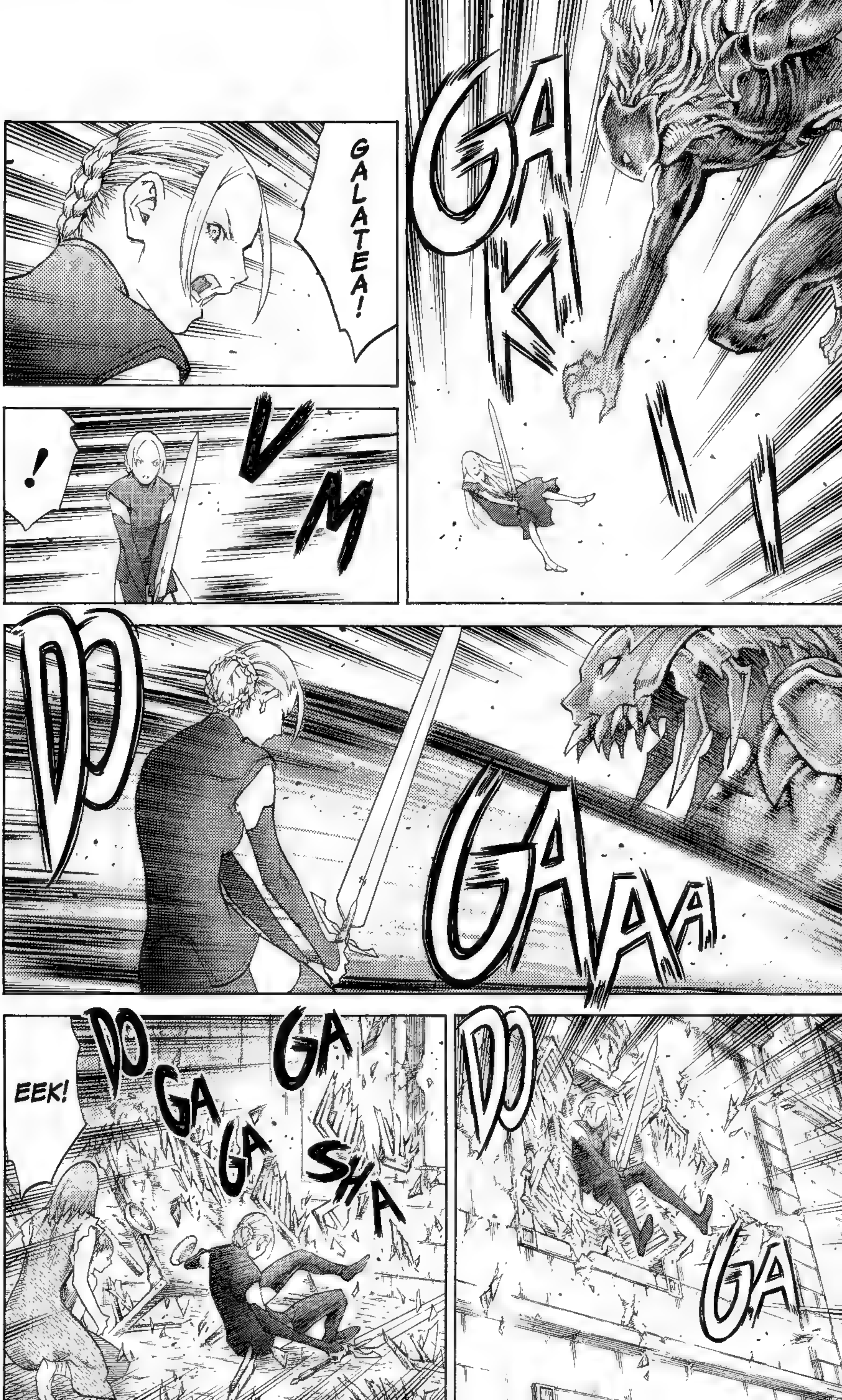
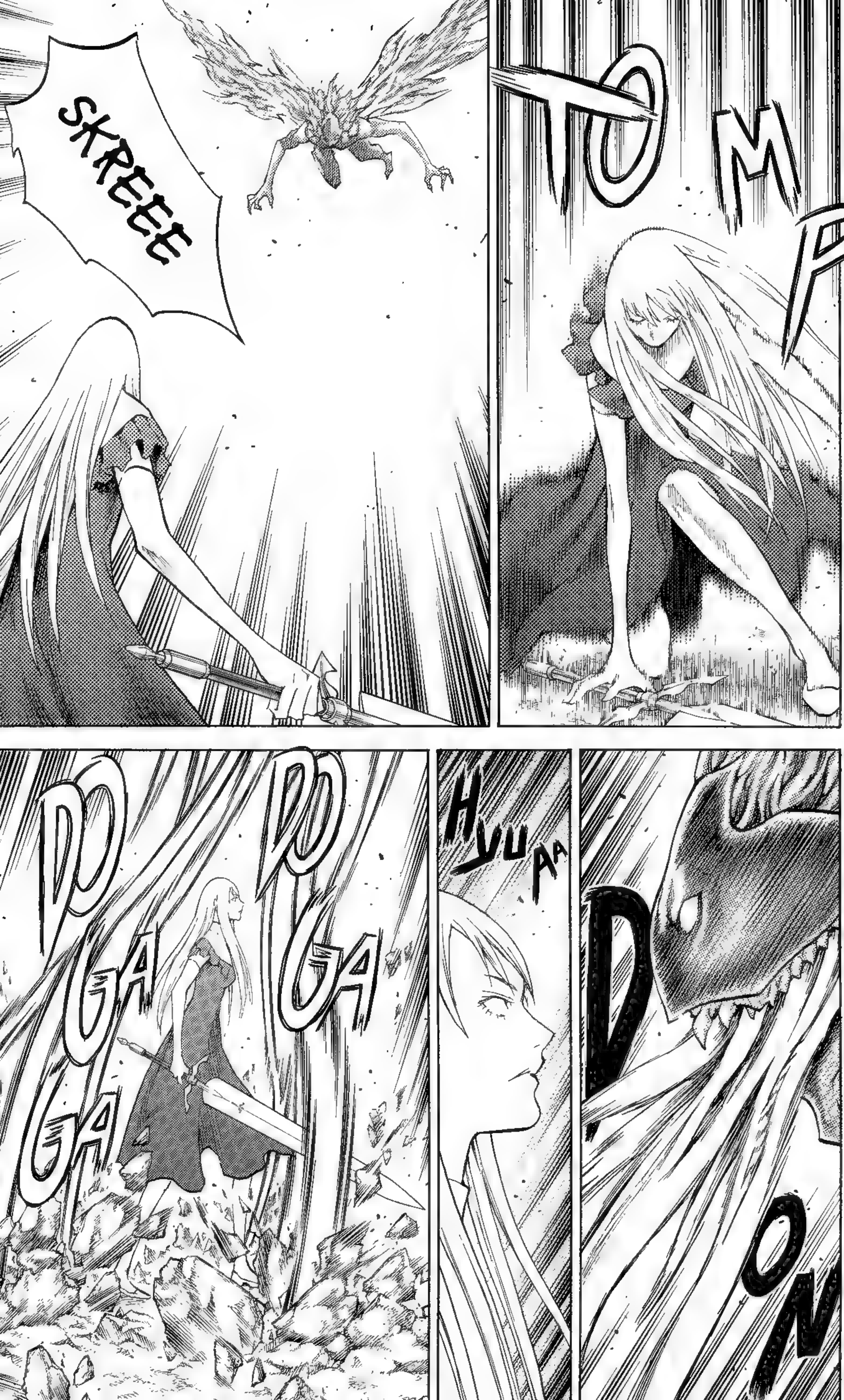
HUP
HWOOSH
WHUP
BVMM
!


GAKI
GALATEA!
!
VM
DOGAAAA
DO
GA
DO
GA
GA
GASHA
EEK!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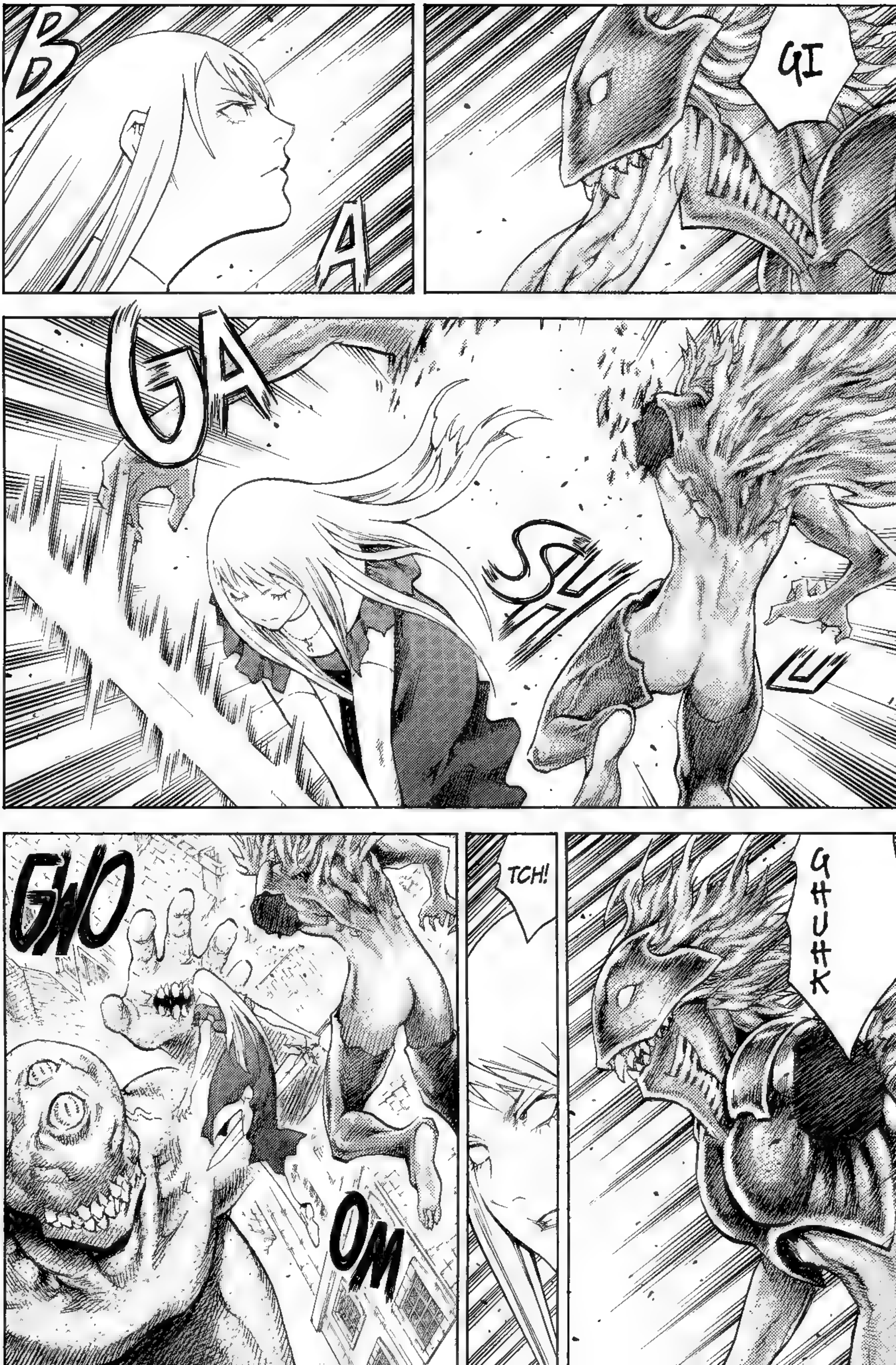
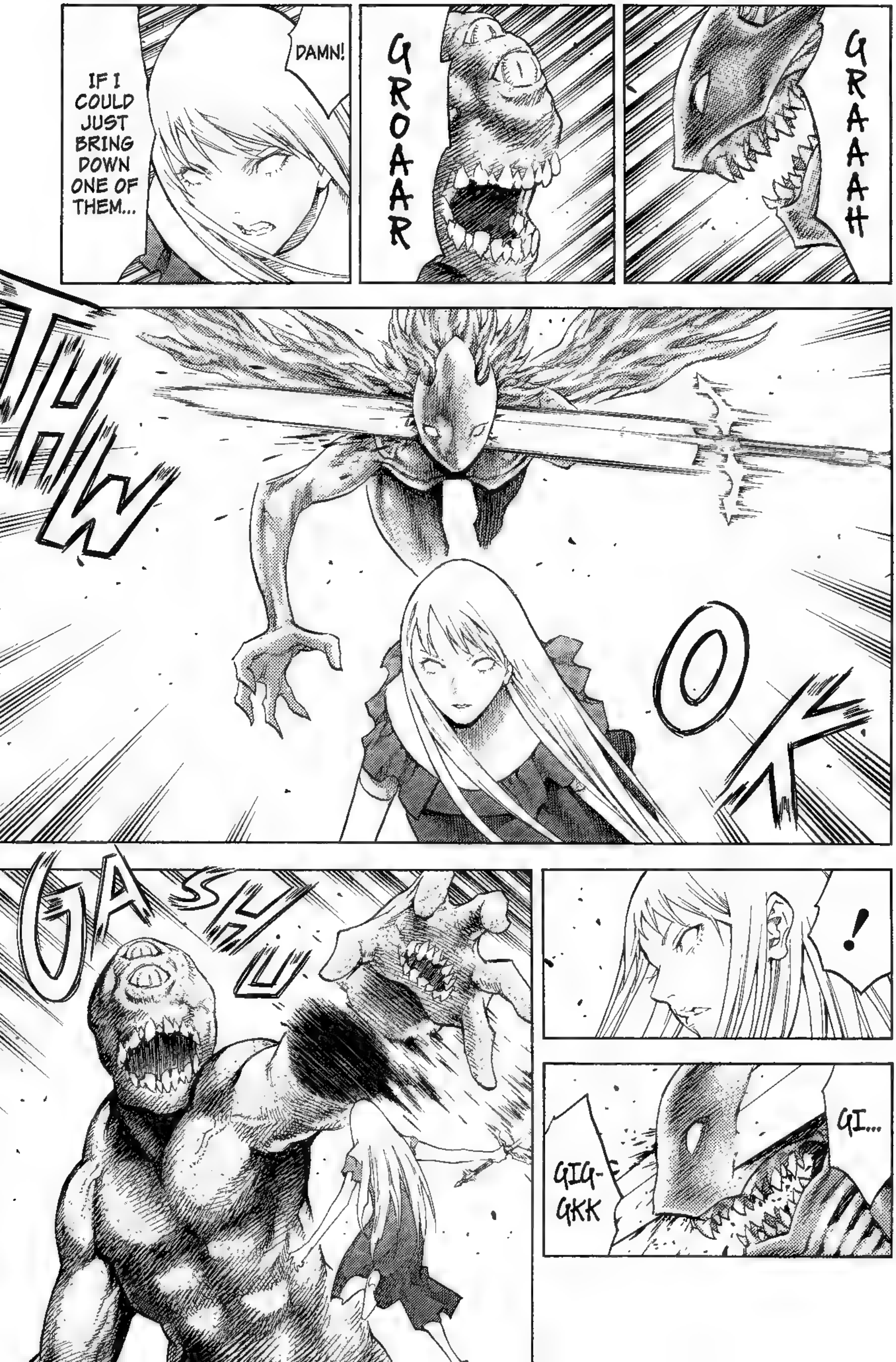
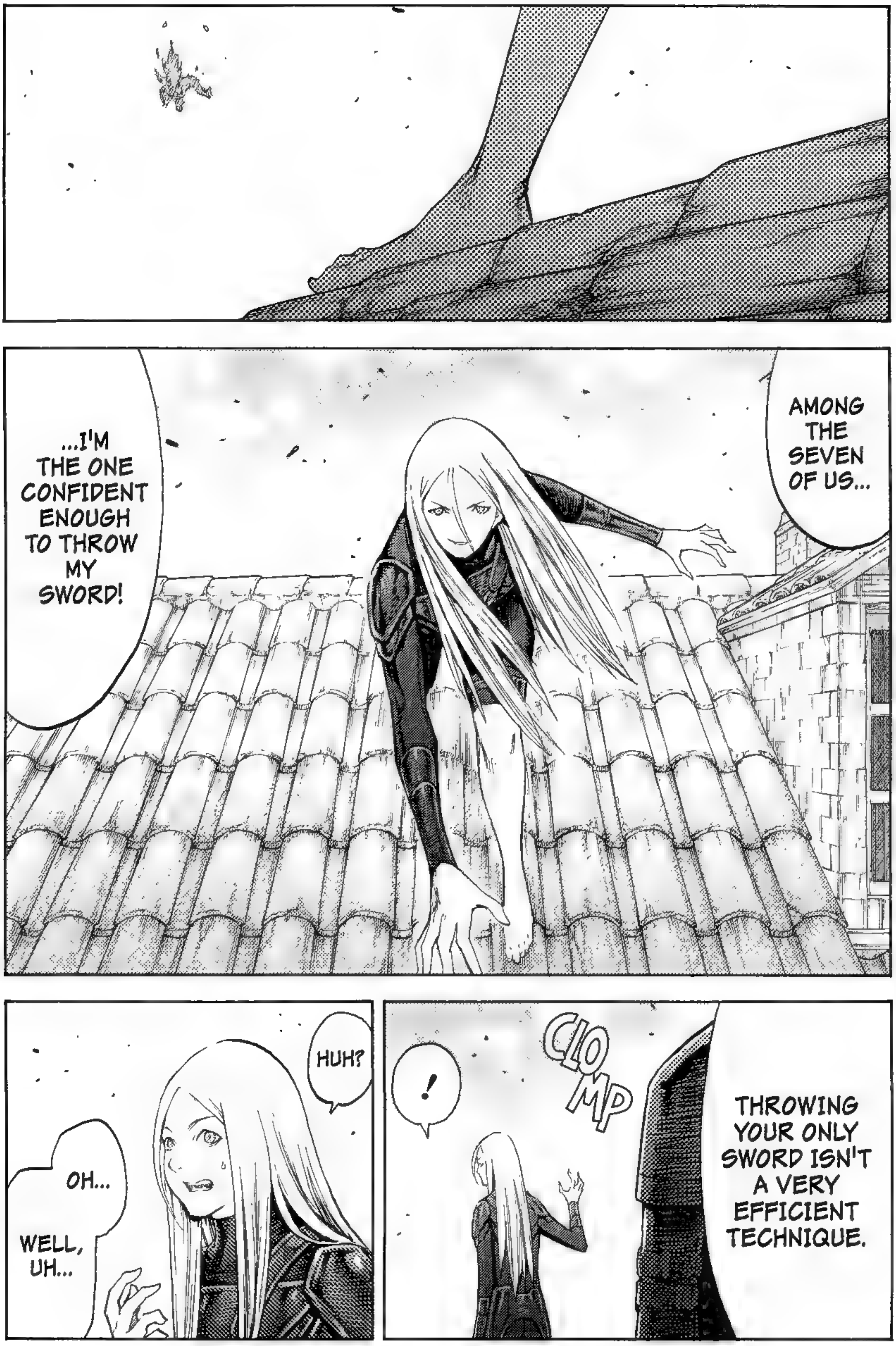
SKREEE
DOON
HYUAA
DOGA
DOGAGA

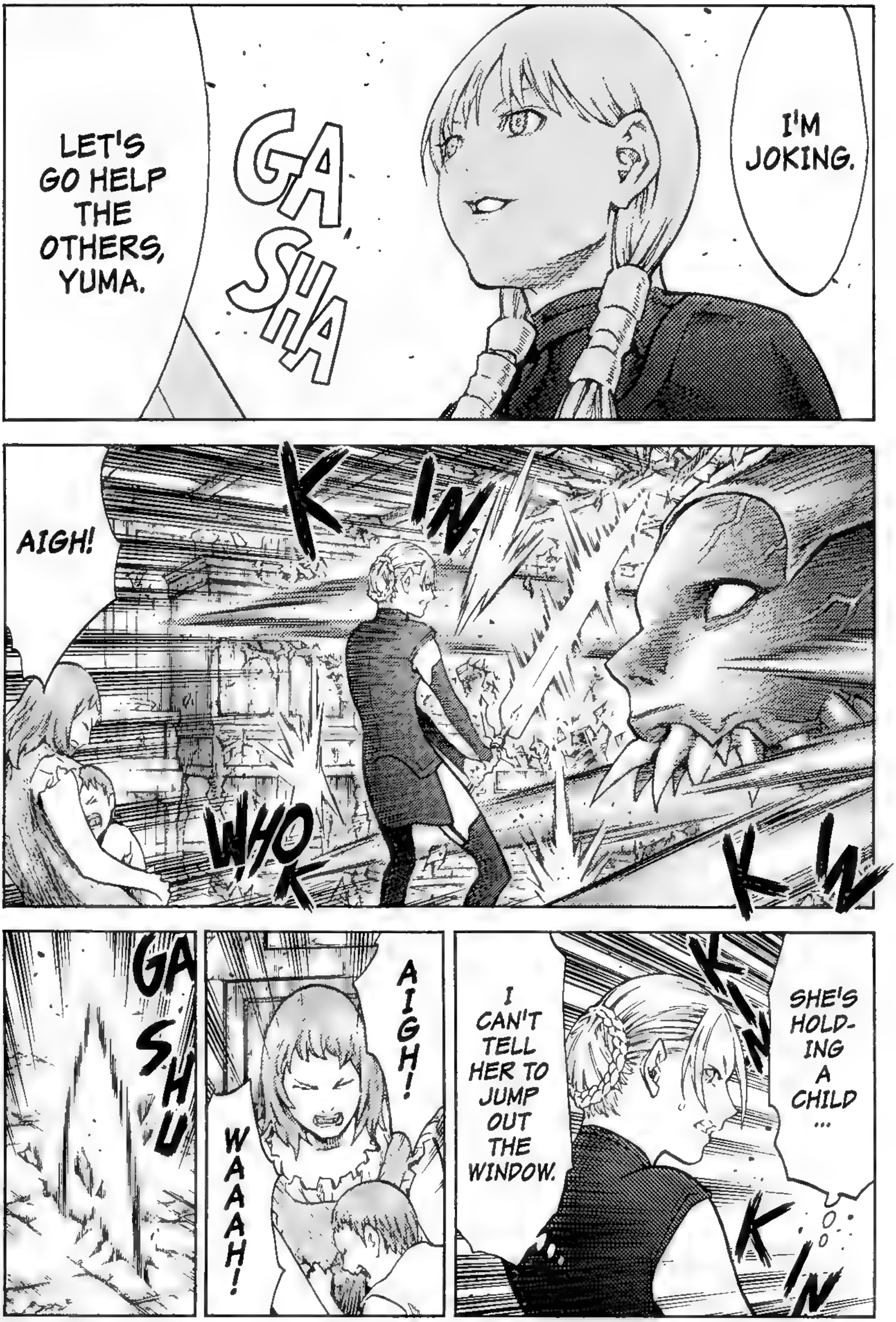

GI
BA
GA
SHU
U
GHUHK
TCH!
GWO
OM

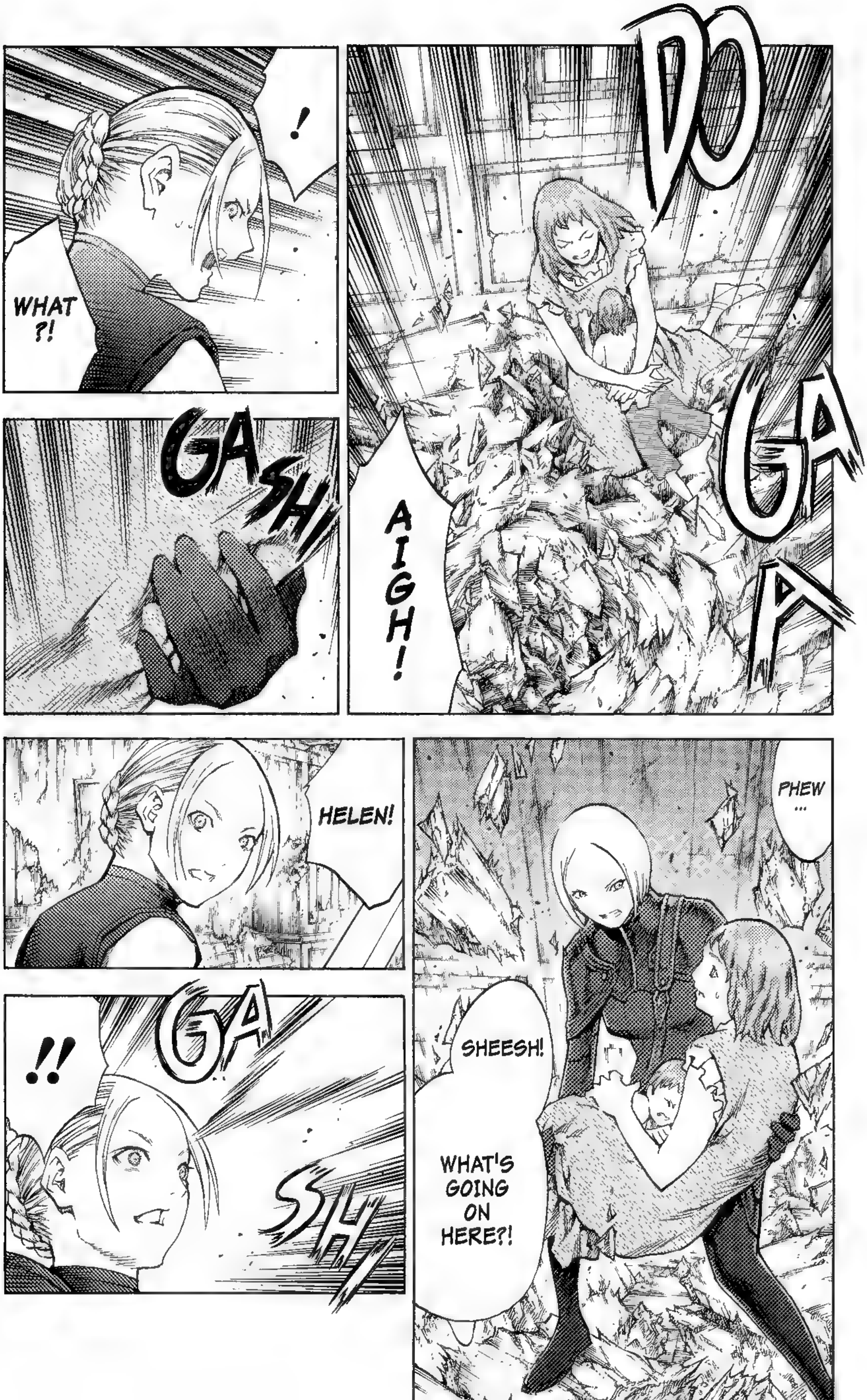
READ THIS WAY


GRAAAH
GROAAR
DAMN!
IF I COULD JUST BRING DOWN ONE OF THEM...
THWOK
!
GI...
GIG-GKK
GASHU

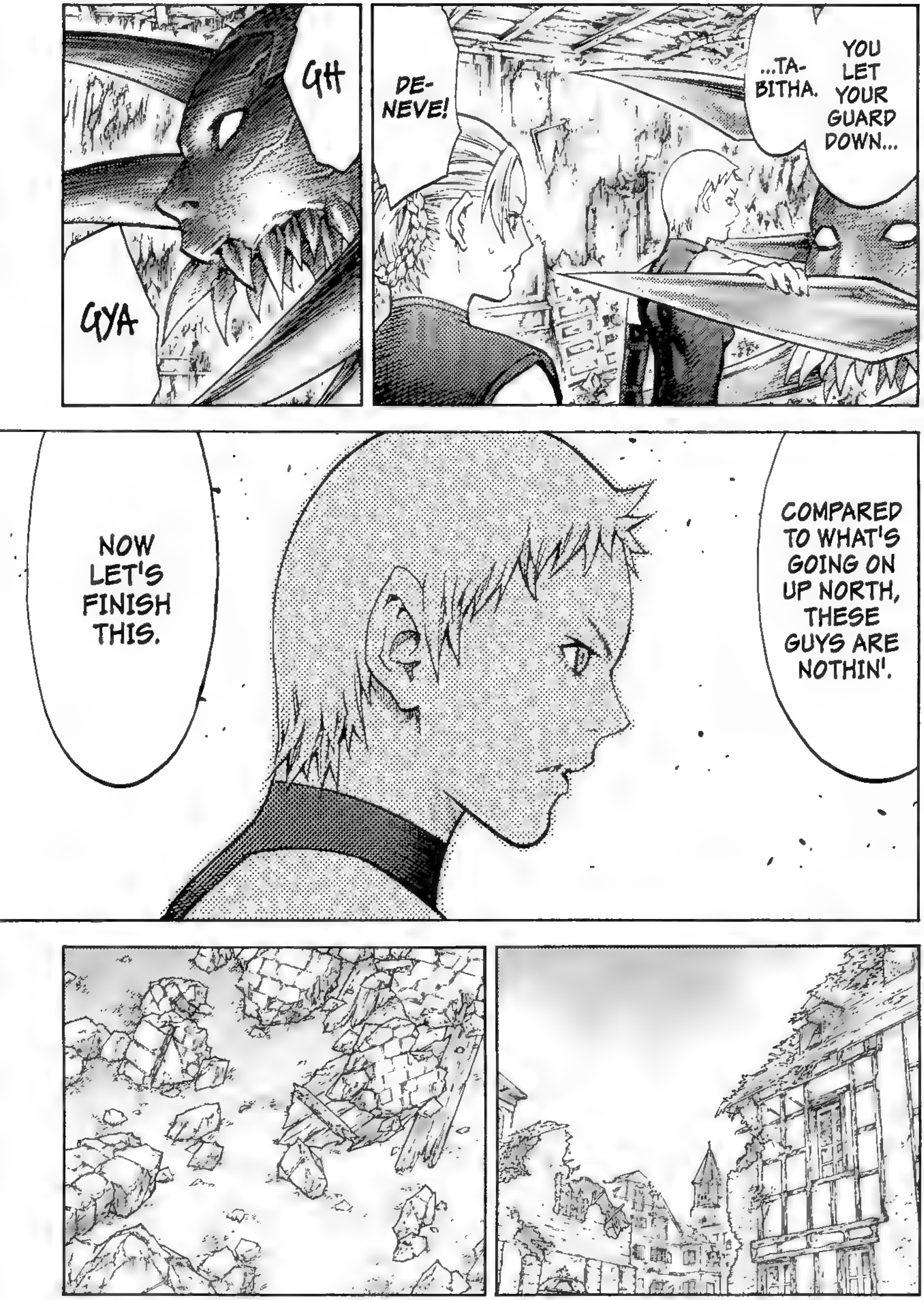

AMONG THE SEVEN OF US...
...I'M THE ONE CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO THROW MY SWORD!
THROWING YOUR ONLY SWORD ISN'T A VERY EFFICIENT TECHNIQUE.
CLOMP
!
HUH?
OH...
WELL, UH...

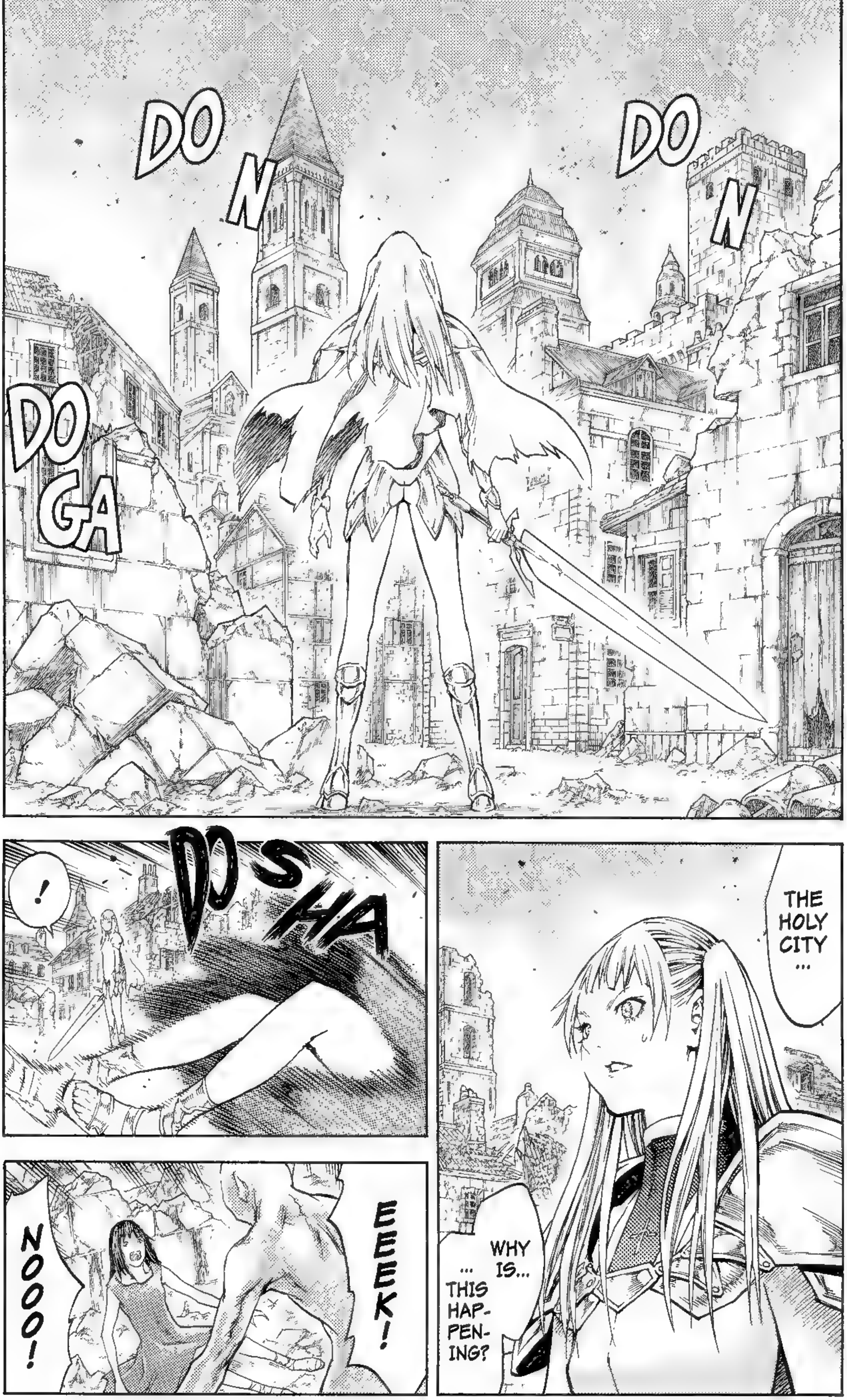
READ THIS WAY


I'M JOKING.
GASHA
LET'S GO HELP THE OTHERS, YUMA.
KIN
AIGH!
WHOK
KIN
SHE'S HOLDING A CHILD ...
KIN
I CAN'T TELL HER TO JUMP OUT THE WINDOW.
KIN
AIGH!
WAAAAH!
GASHU

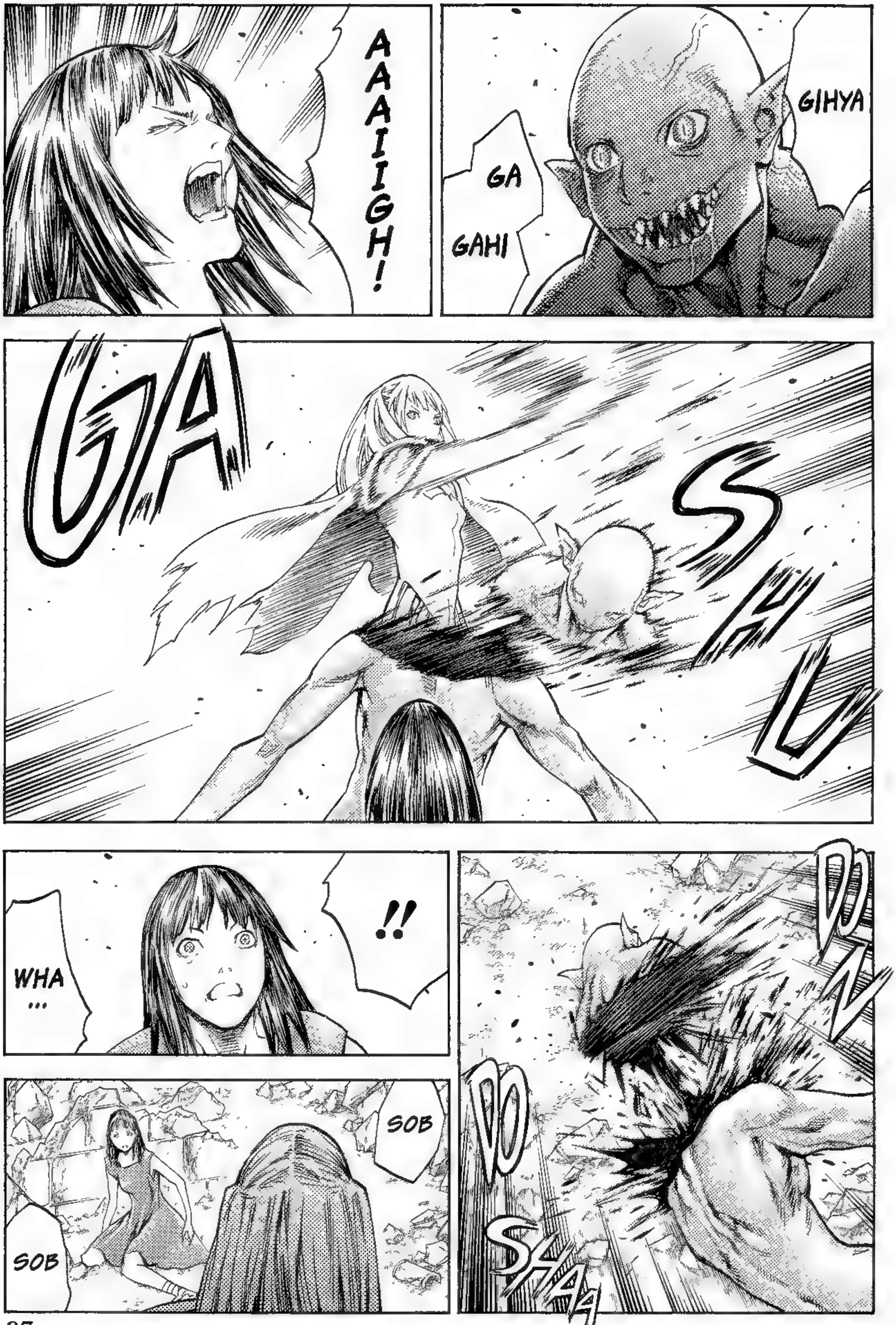

DO GA GA
AIGH!
!
WHAT ?!
GASHI
PHEW ...
SHEESH!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
HELEN!
GA SSH
!!

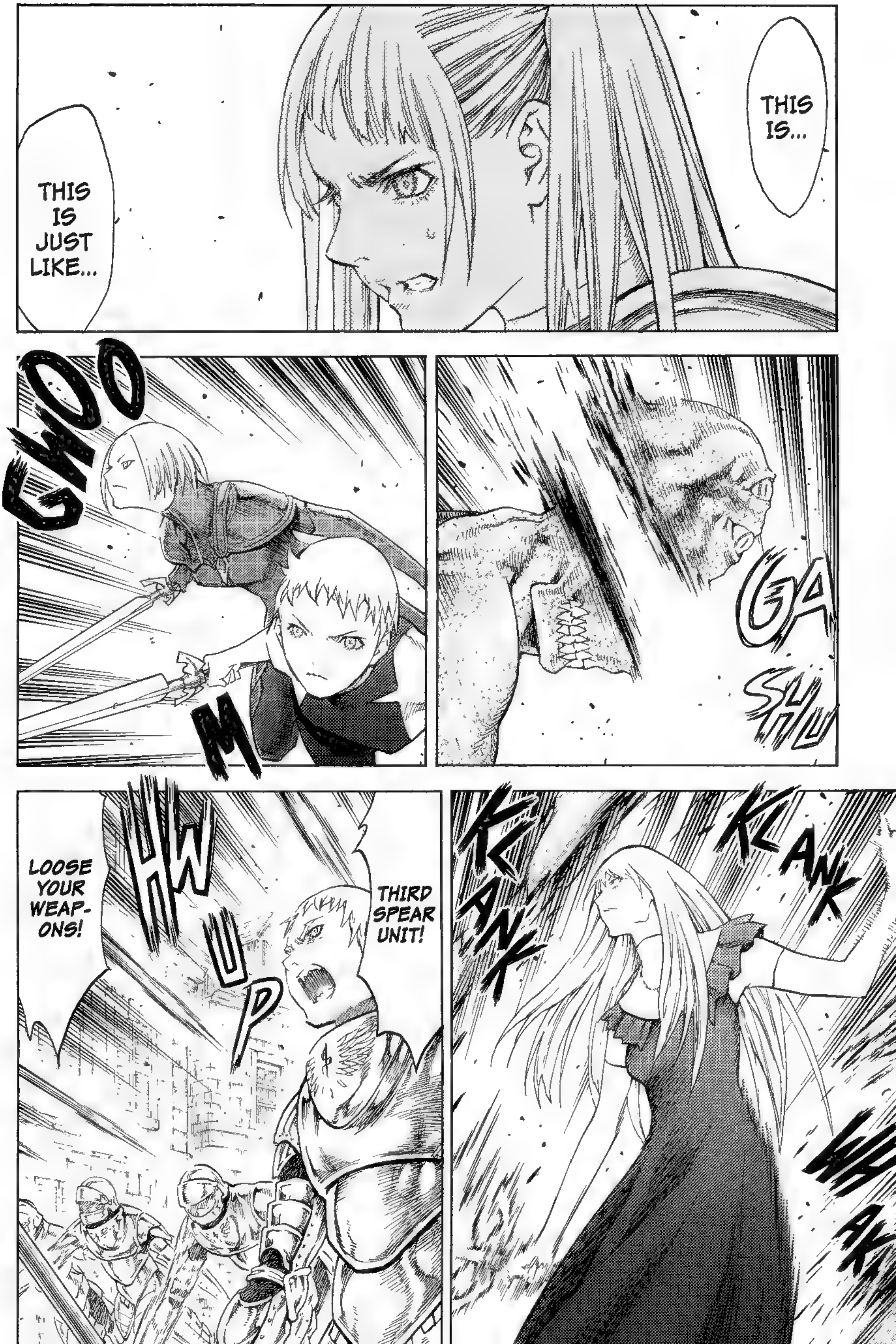
READ THIS WAY

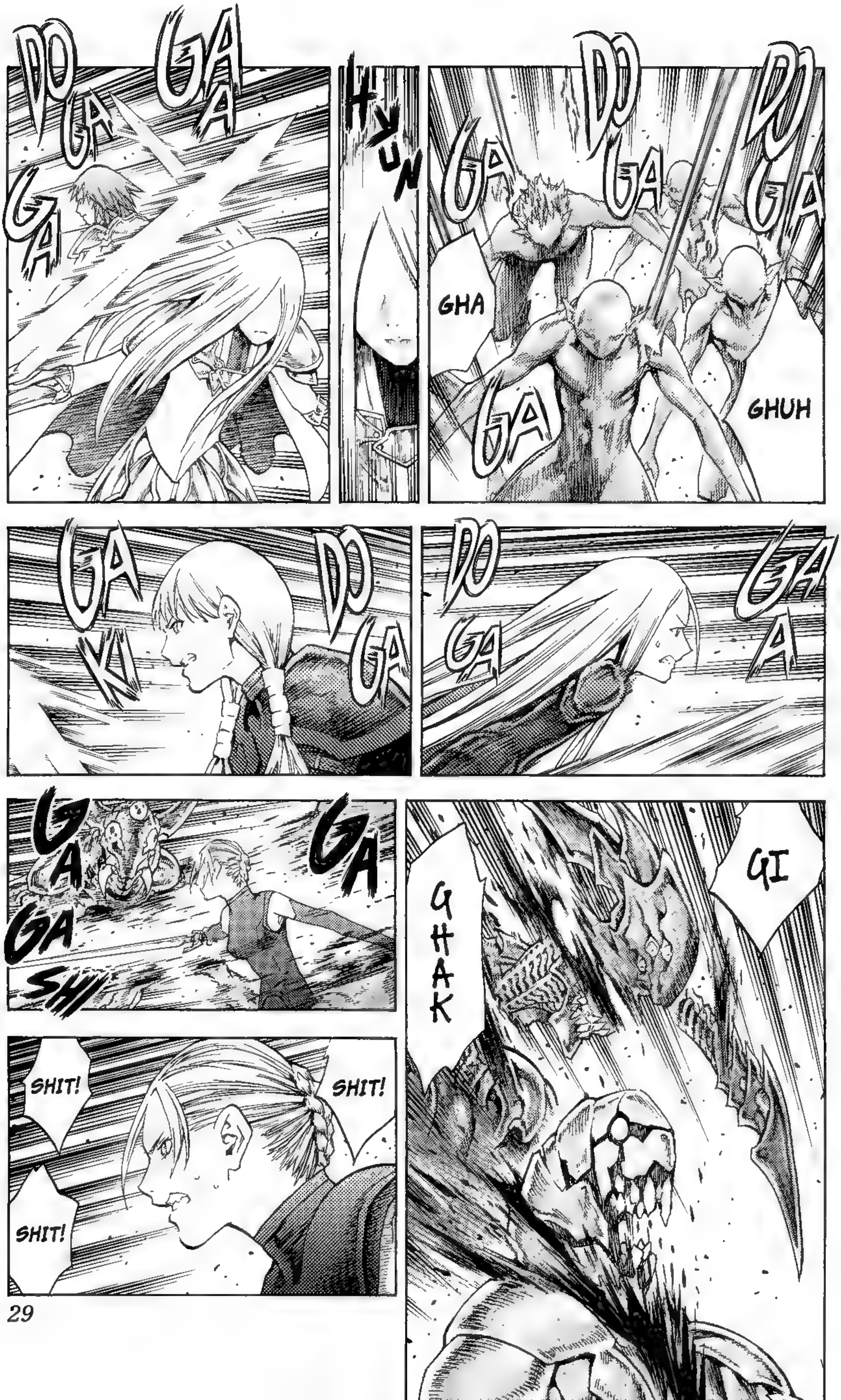

YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN...
...TABITHA.
DENEVE!
GH
GYA
COMPARED TO WHAT'S GOING ON UP NORTH, THESE GUYS ARE NOTHIN'.
NOW LET'S FINISH THIS.

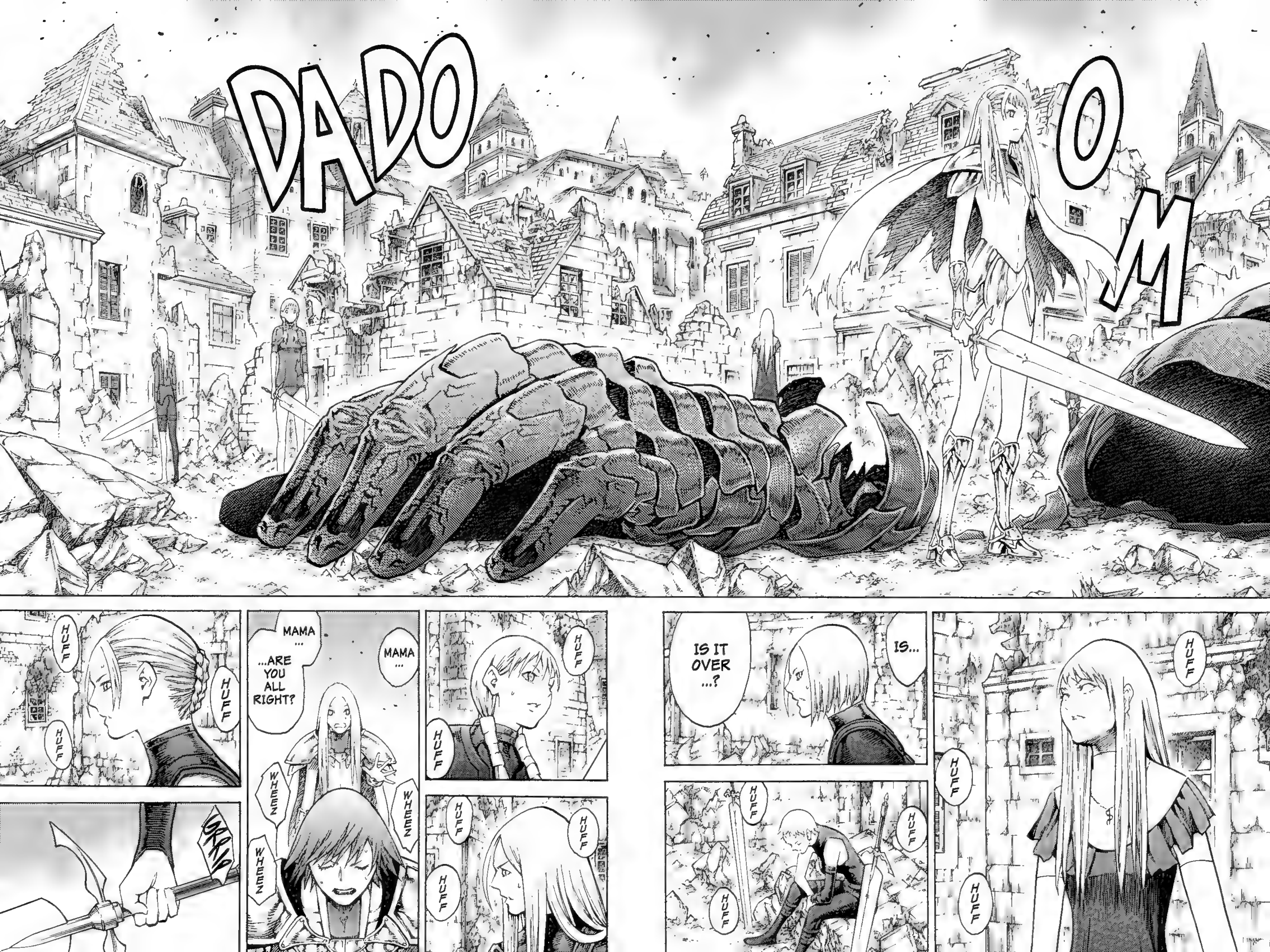

DO N
DO N
DOGA
THE HOLY CITY ...
WHY IS... ... THIS HAPPENING?
DOSHA
!
EEEEK!
NOOOO!

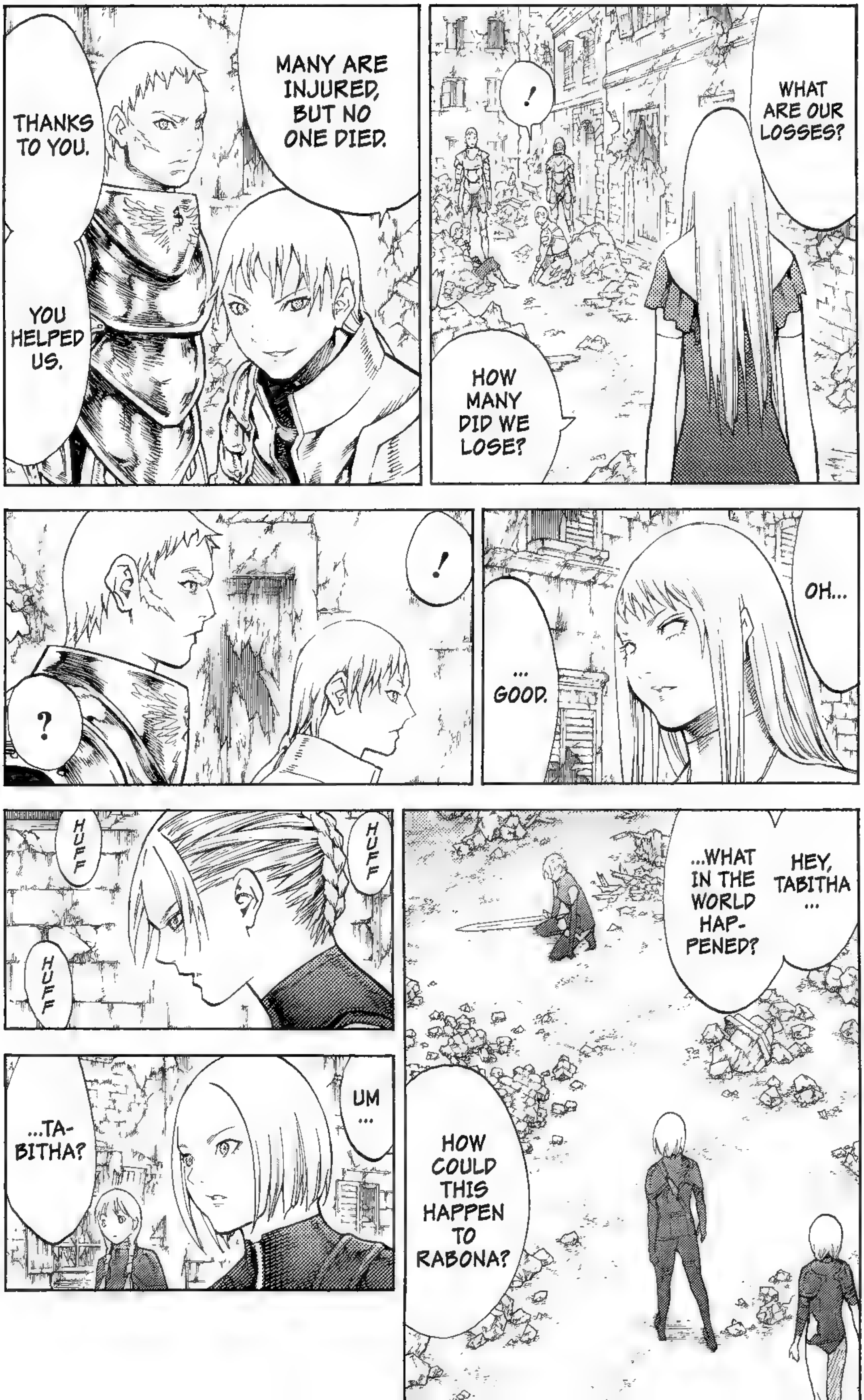
READ THIS WAY


GIHYA
GA
GAHI
AAAAIIGH!
GASHU
DON
DO
SHAA
!!
WHA...
SOB
SOB

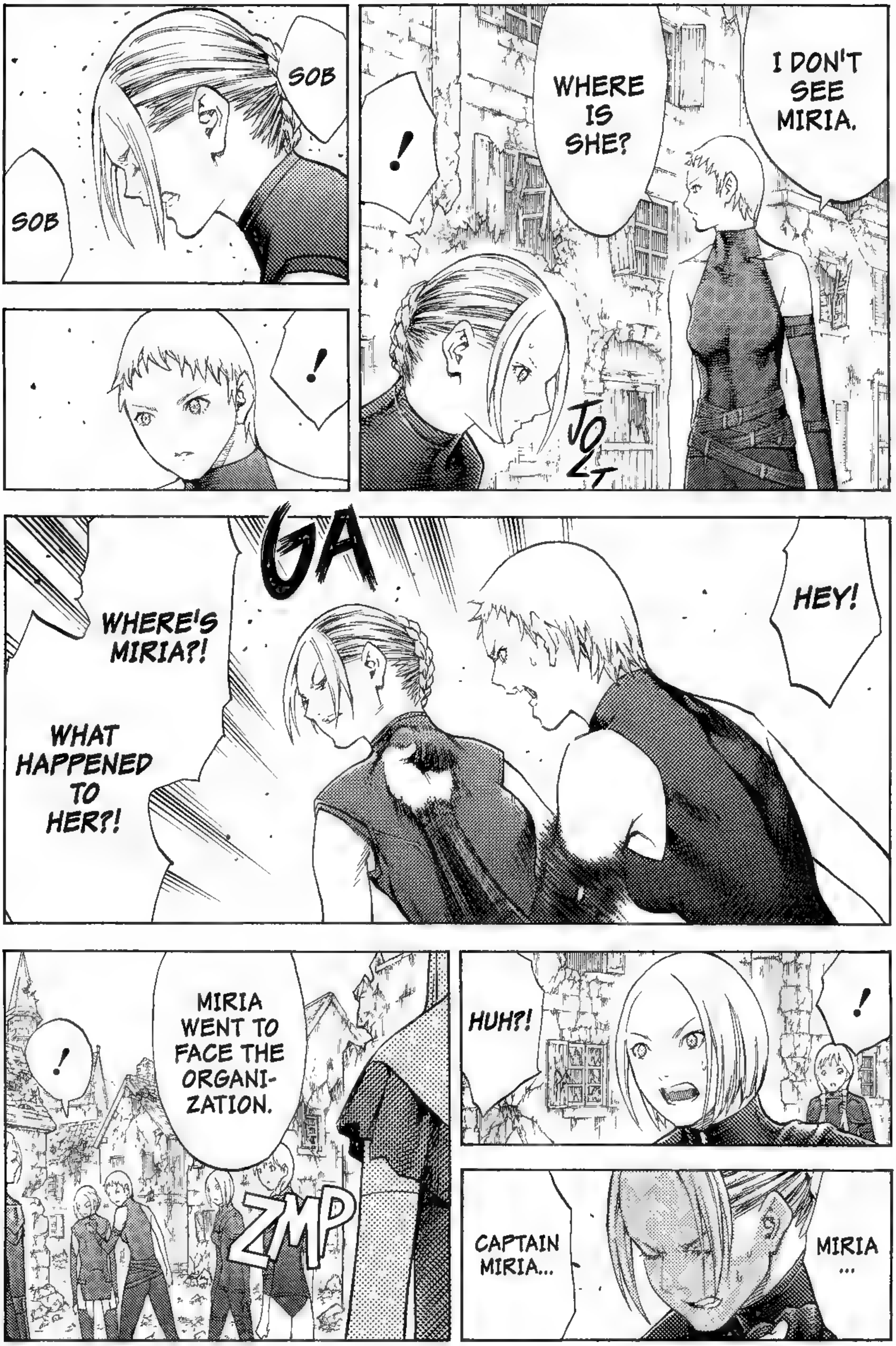

THIS IS...
THIS IS JUST LIKE...
GA
SHU
GWOOM
KLANK
KLANK
THIRD SPEAR UNIT!
LOOSE YOUR WEAP-ONS!
HWUP

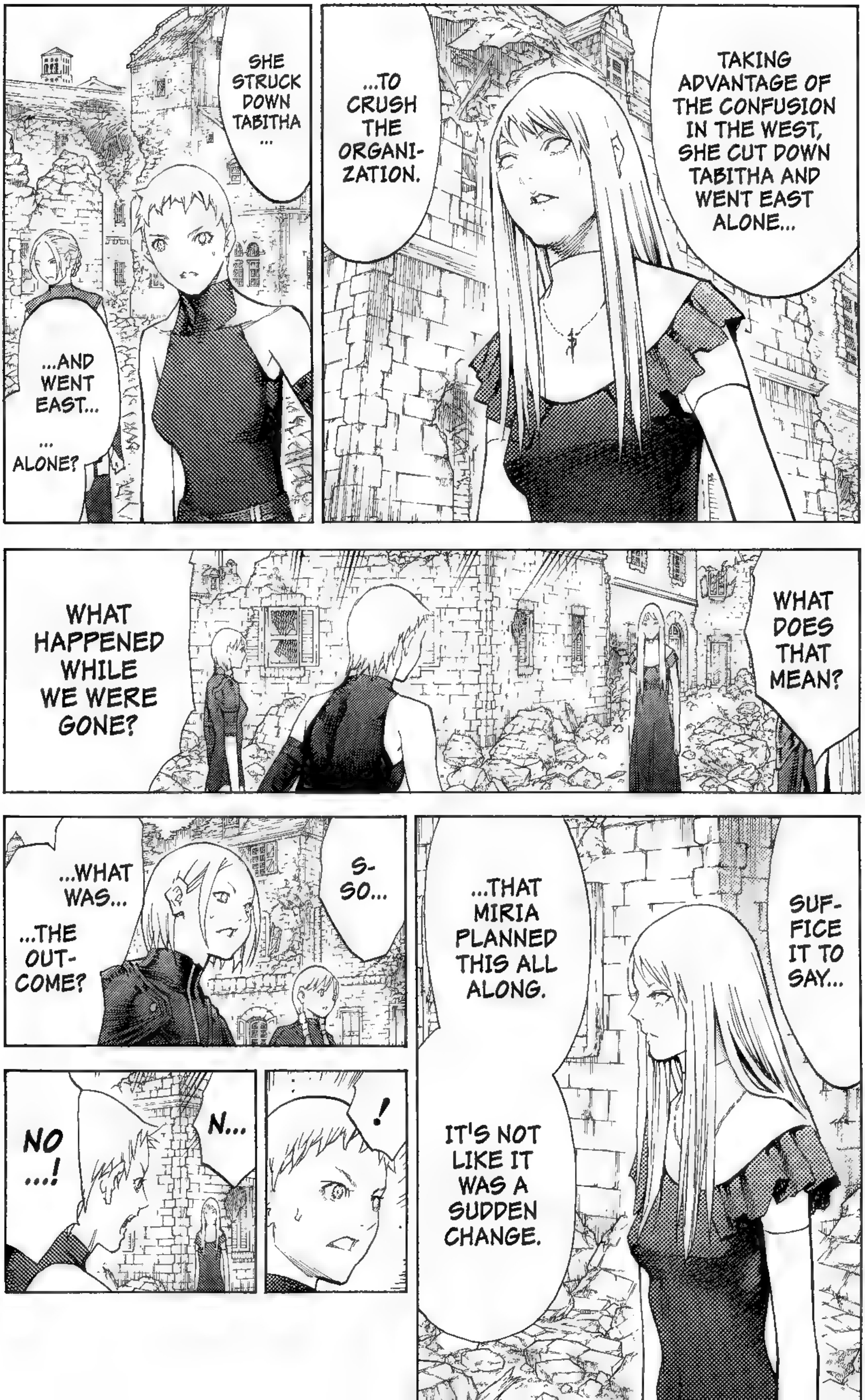

DO GA
DO GA
GHUH
GA
GHA
GA
HYUN
GA A
DO GA
GA A
GA A
DO GA
GA KI
GI
GHAK
GA
GA GA SHI
SHIT!
SHIT!
SHIT!


DADO
OM
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
IS...
IS IT OVER ...?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
MAMA ...
MAMA ... ...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHEEZ
WHEEZ
WHEEZ
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
GRIP

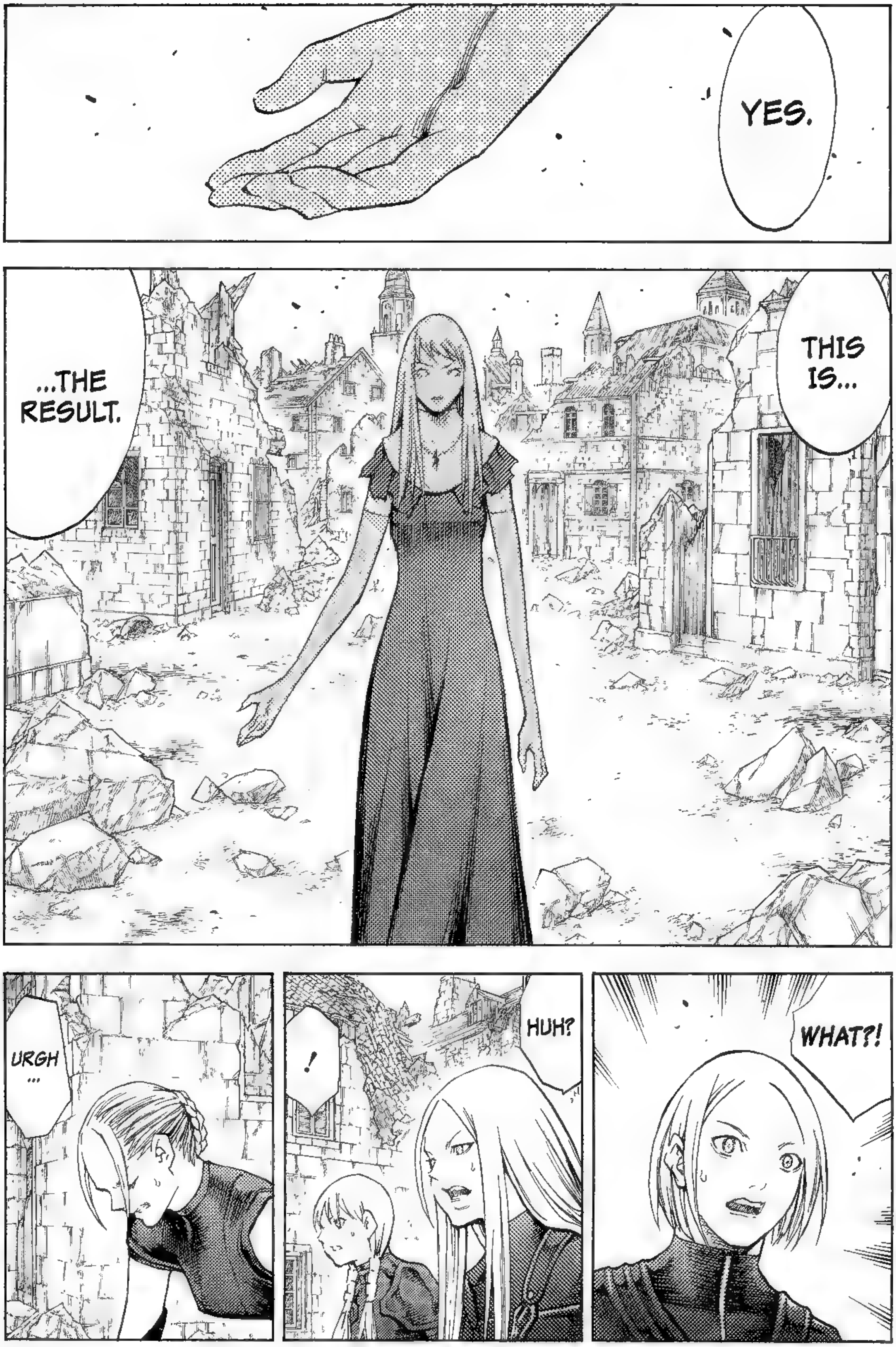

WHAT ARE OUR LOSSES?
!
HOW MANY DID WE LOSE?
MANY ARE INJURED, BUT NO ONE DIED.
THANKS TO YOU.
YOU HELPED US.
OH...
...GOOD.
!
?
HEY, TABITHA...
...WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN TO RABONA?
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
UM...
...TABITHA?

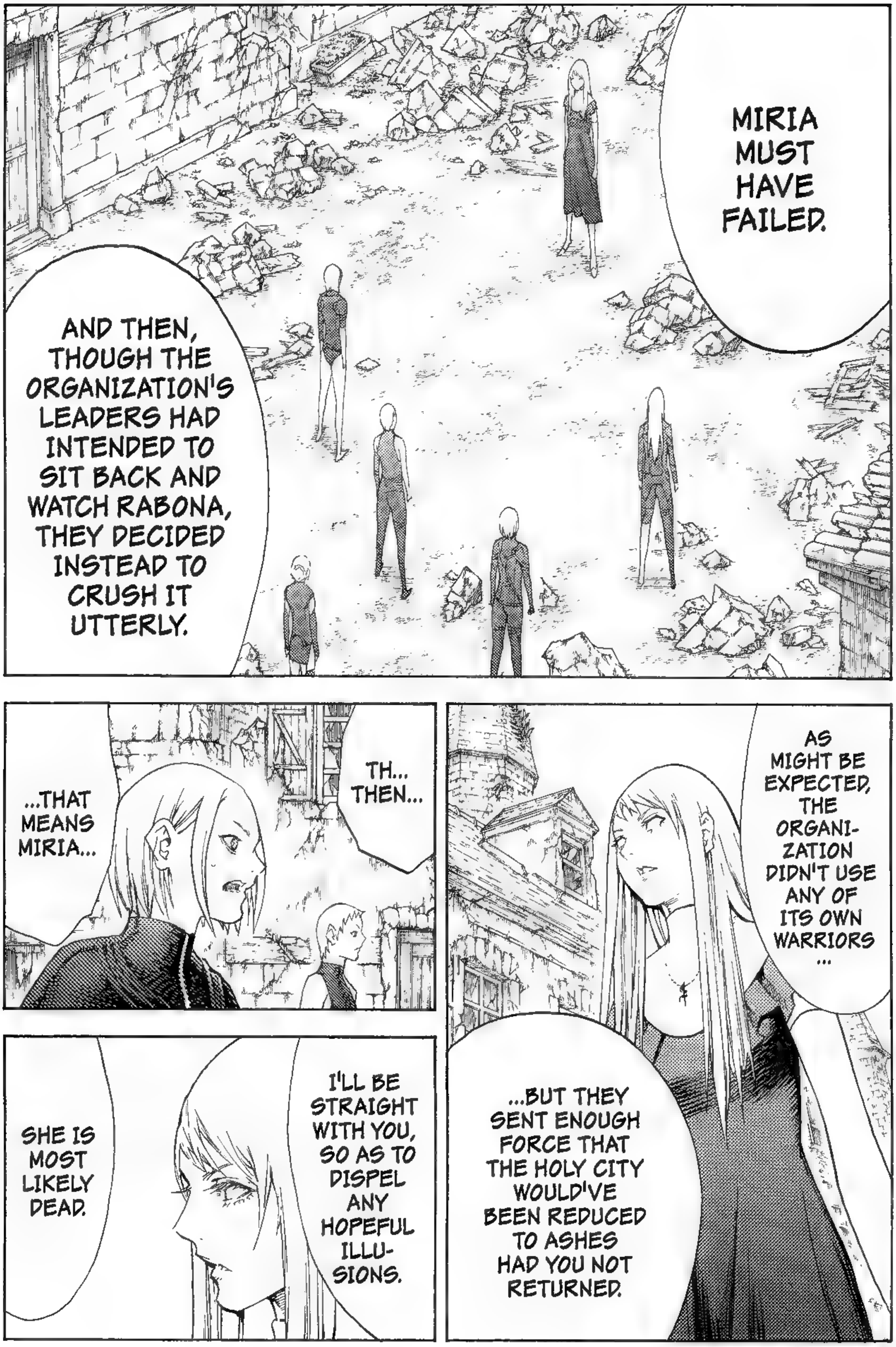
READ THIS WAY


I DON'T SEE MIRIA.
WHERE IS SHE?
!
JOLT
SOB
SOB
!
HEY!
GA
WHERE'S MIRIA?!
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?!
!
HUH?!
MIRIA ...
CAPTAIN MIRIA...
MIRIA WENT TO FACE THE ORGANIZATION.
!
ZMP

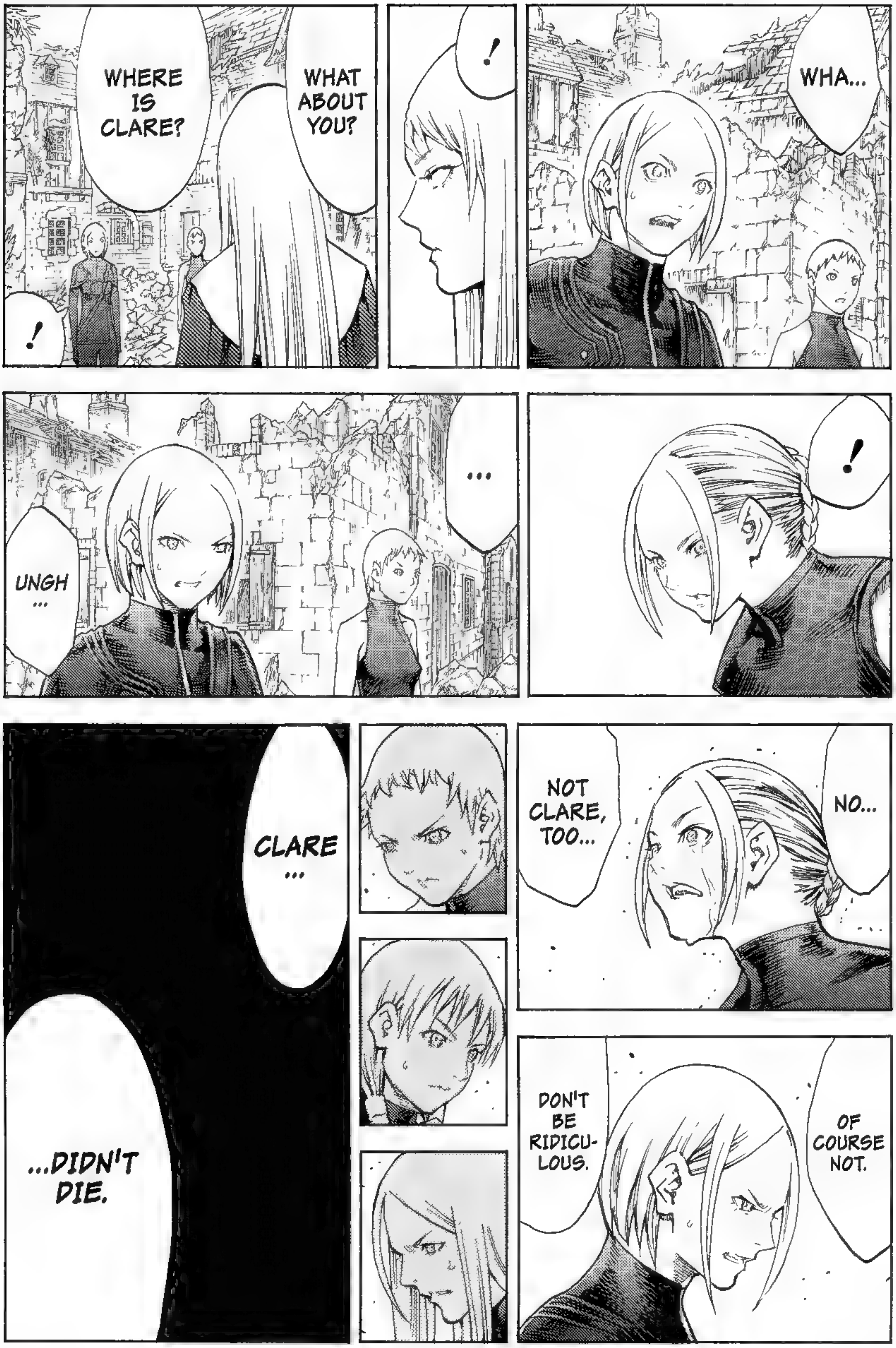

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION IN THE WEST, SHE CUT DOWN TABITHA AND WENT EAST ALONE...
...TO CRUSH THE ORGANIZATION.
SHE STRUCK DOWN TABITHA...
...AND WENT EAST... ... ALONE?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
WHAT HAPPENED WHILE WE WERE GONE?
SUFFICE IT TO SAY...
...THAT MIRIA PLANNED THIS ALL ALONG.
IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS A SUDDEN CHANGE.
S-SO...
...WHAT WAS... ...THE OUTCOME?
!
N...
NO...!

READ THIS WAY


YES.
THIS IS...
...THE RESULT.
WHAT?!
HUH?
!
URGH ...


MIRIA MUST HAVE FAILED.
AND THEN, THOUGH THE ORGANIZATION'S LEADERS HAD INTENDED TO SIT BACK AND WATCH RABONA, THEY DECIDED INSTEAD TO CRUSH IT UTTERLY.
AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, THE ORGANIZATION DIDN'T USE ANY OF ITS OWN WARRIORS...
...BUT THEY SENT ENOUGH FORCE THAT THE HOLY CITY WOULD'VE BEEN REDUCED TO ASHES HAD YOU NOT RETURNED.
TH... THEN...
...THAT MEANS MIRIA...
I'LL BE STRAIGHT WITH YOU, SO AS TO DISPEL ANY HOPEFUL ILLUSIONS.
SHE IS MOST LIKELY DEAD.

READ THIS WAY


WHA...
!
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHERE IS CLARE?
!
!
...
UNGH ...
NO...
NOT CLARE, TOO...
OF COURSE NOT.
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.
CLARE ...
...DIDN'T DIE.

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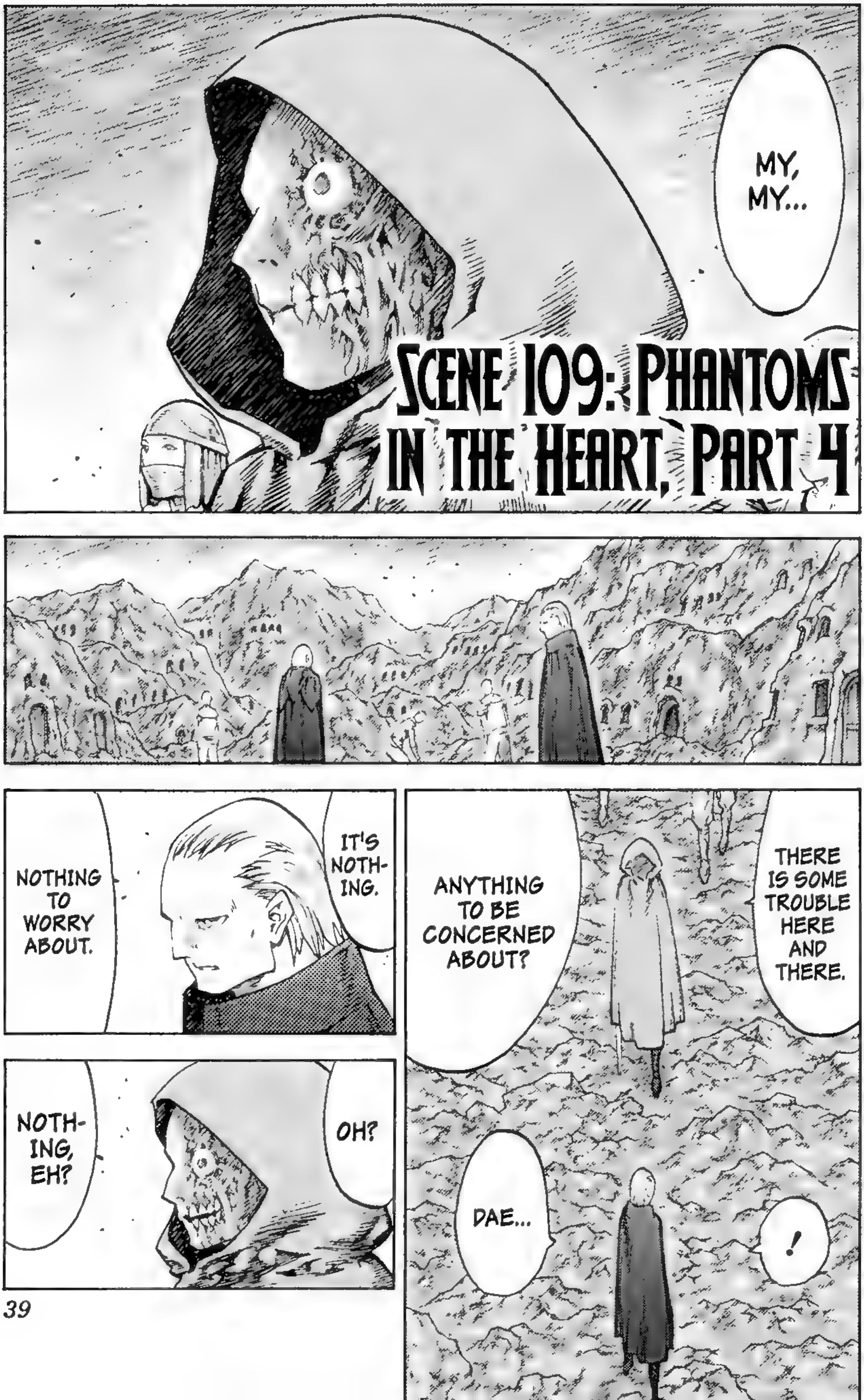
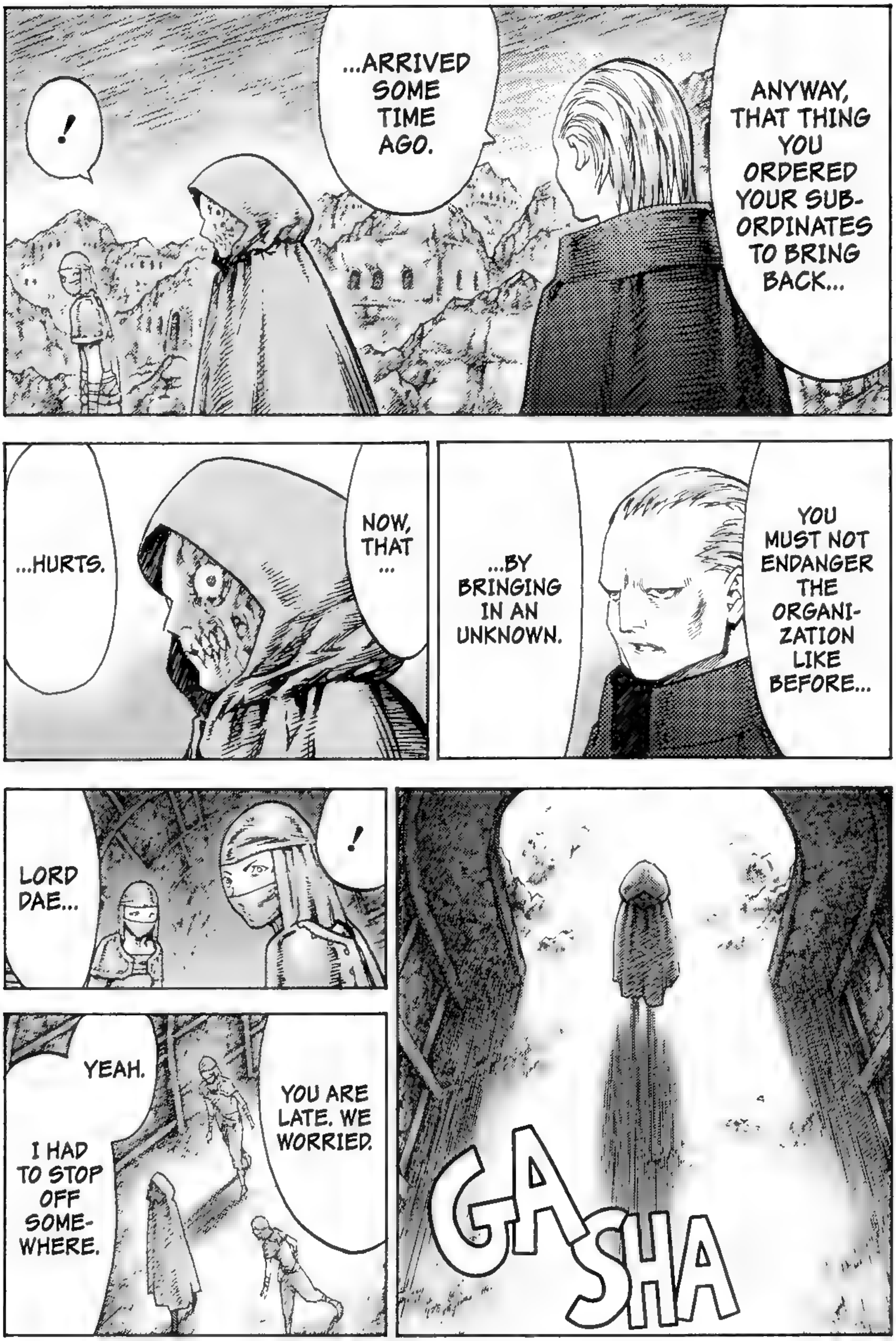
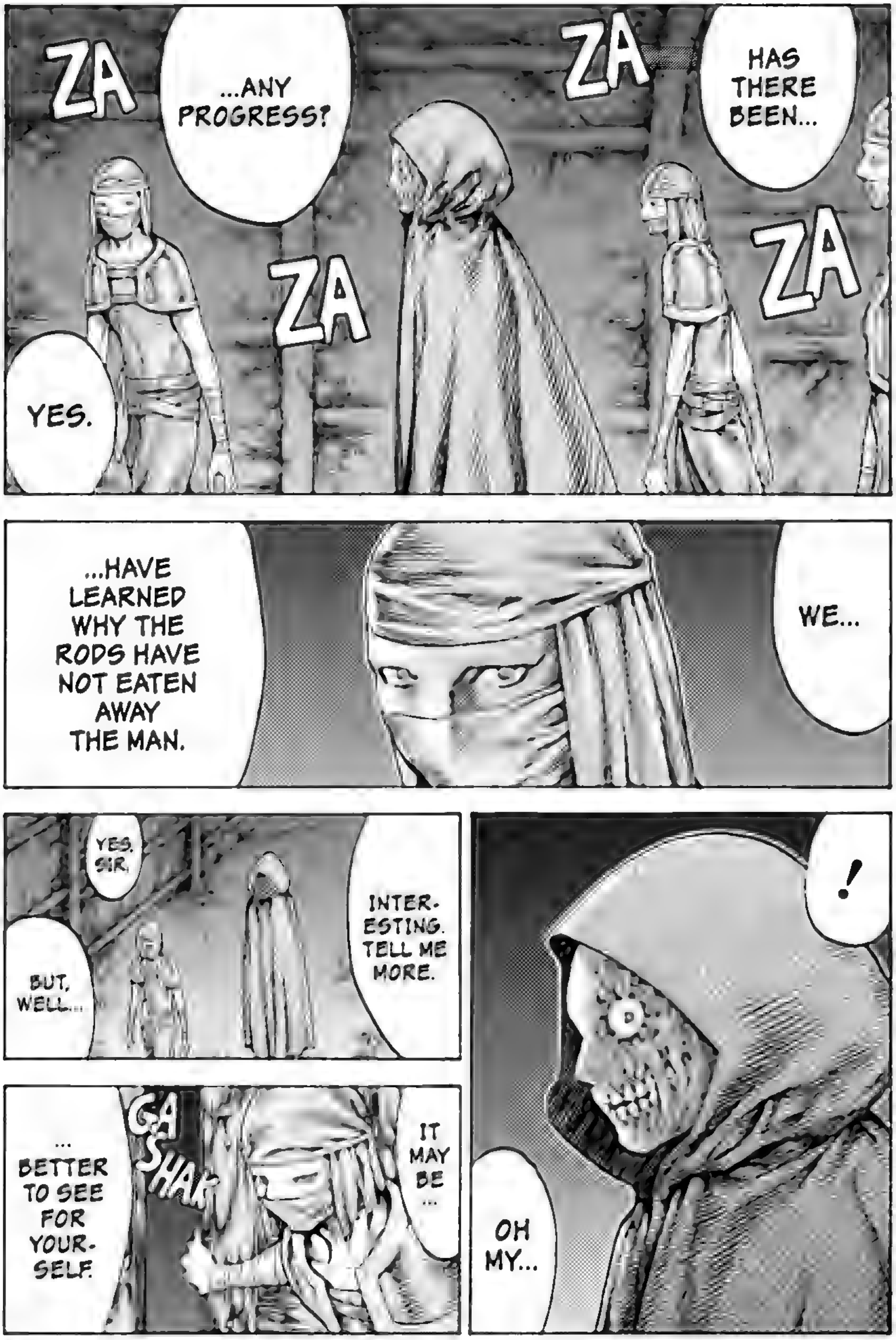
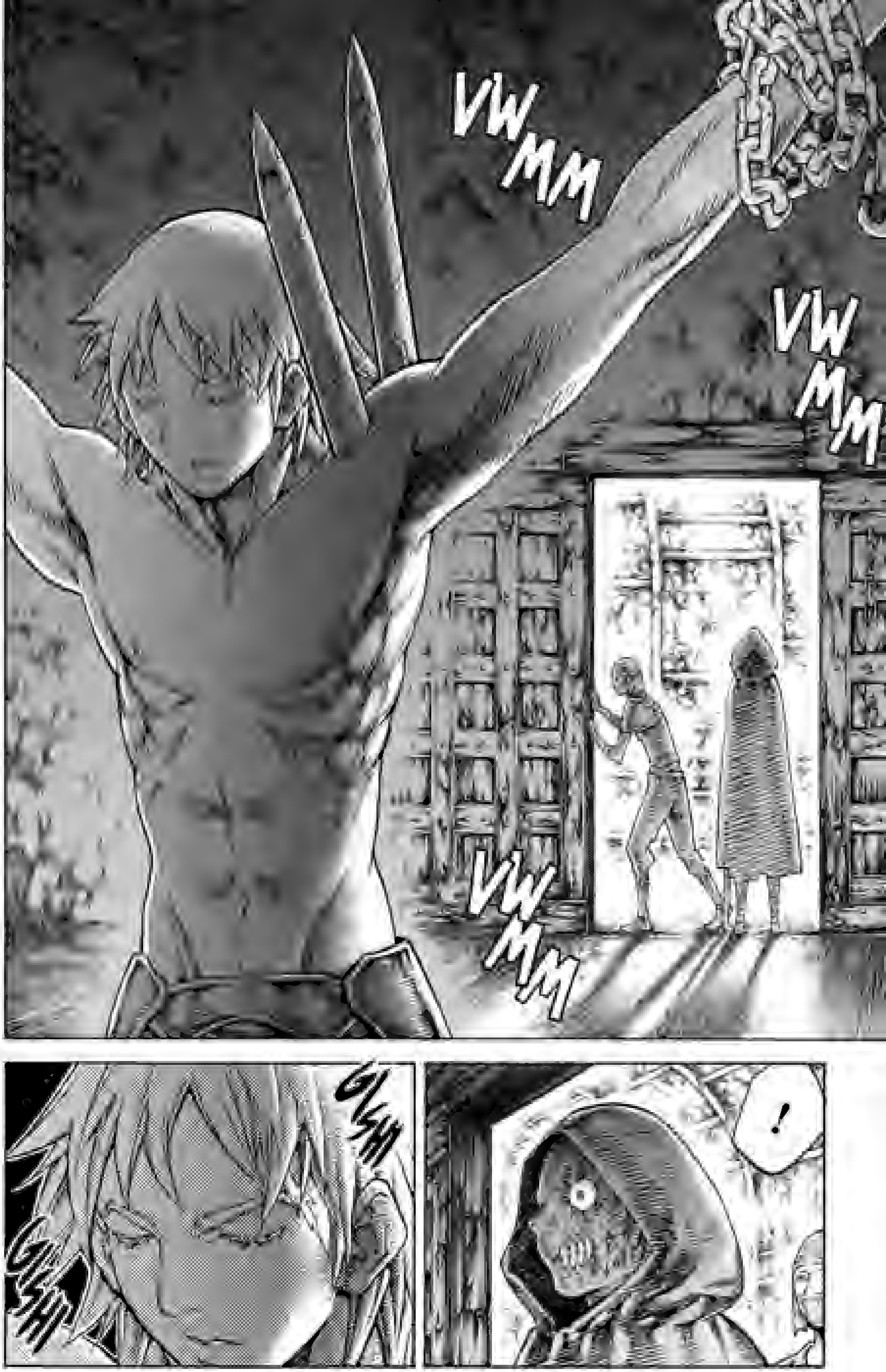
SCENE 109: PHANTOMS IN THE HEART, PART 4


MY, MY...
THERE IS SOME TROUBLE HERE AND THERE.
ANYTHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT?
!
DAE...
IT'S NOTHING.
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
OH?
NOTHING, EH?

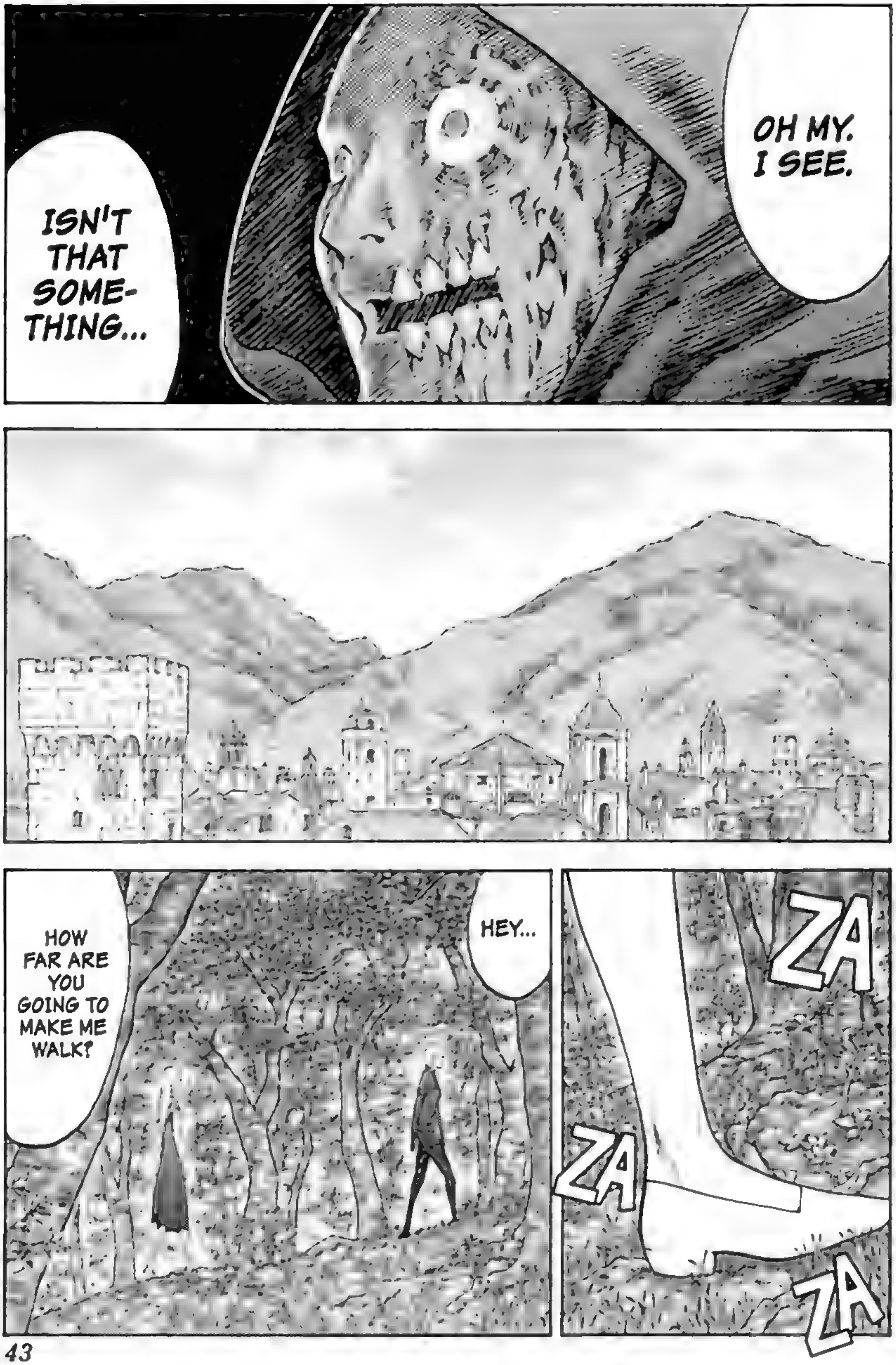

ANYWAY, THAT THING YOU ORDERED YOUR SUBORDINATES TO BRING BACK...
...ARRIVED SOME TIME AGO.
!
YOU MUST NOT ENDANGER THE ORGANIZATION LIKE BEFORE...
...BY BRINGING IN AN UNKNOWN.
NOW, THAT...
...HURTS.
GASHA
!
LORD DAE...
YOU ARE LATE. WE WORRIED.
YEAH.
I HAD TO STOP OFF SOMEWHERE.

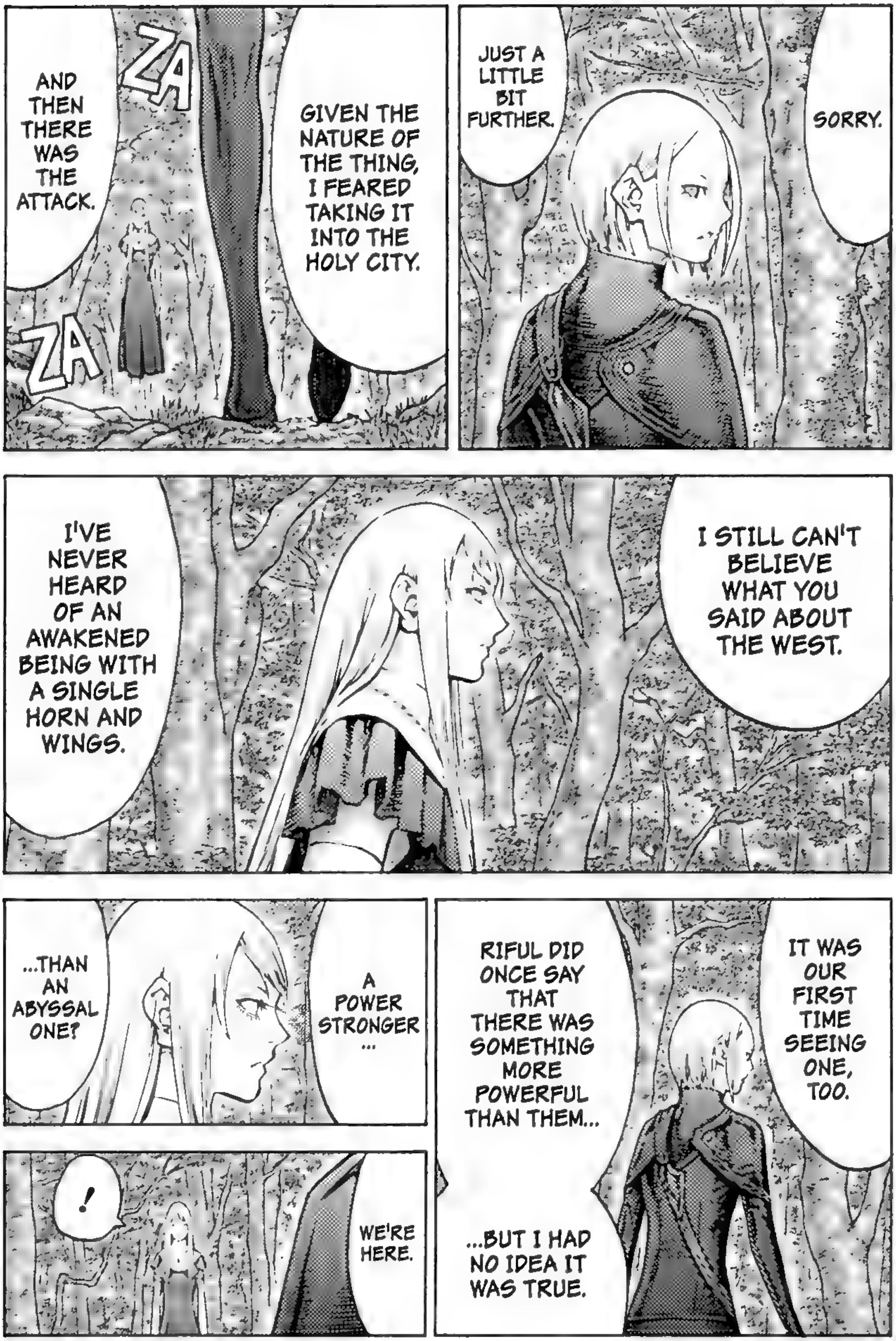
READ THIS WAY

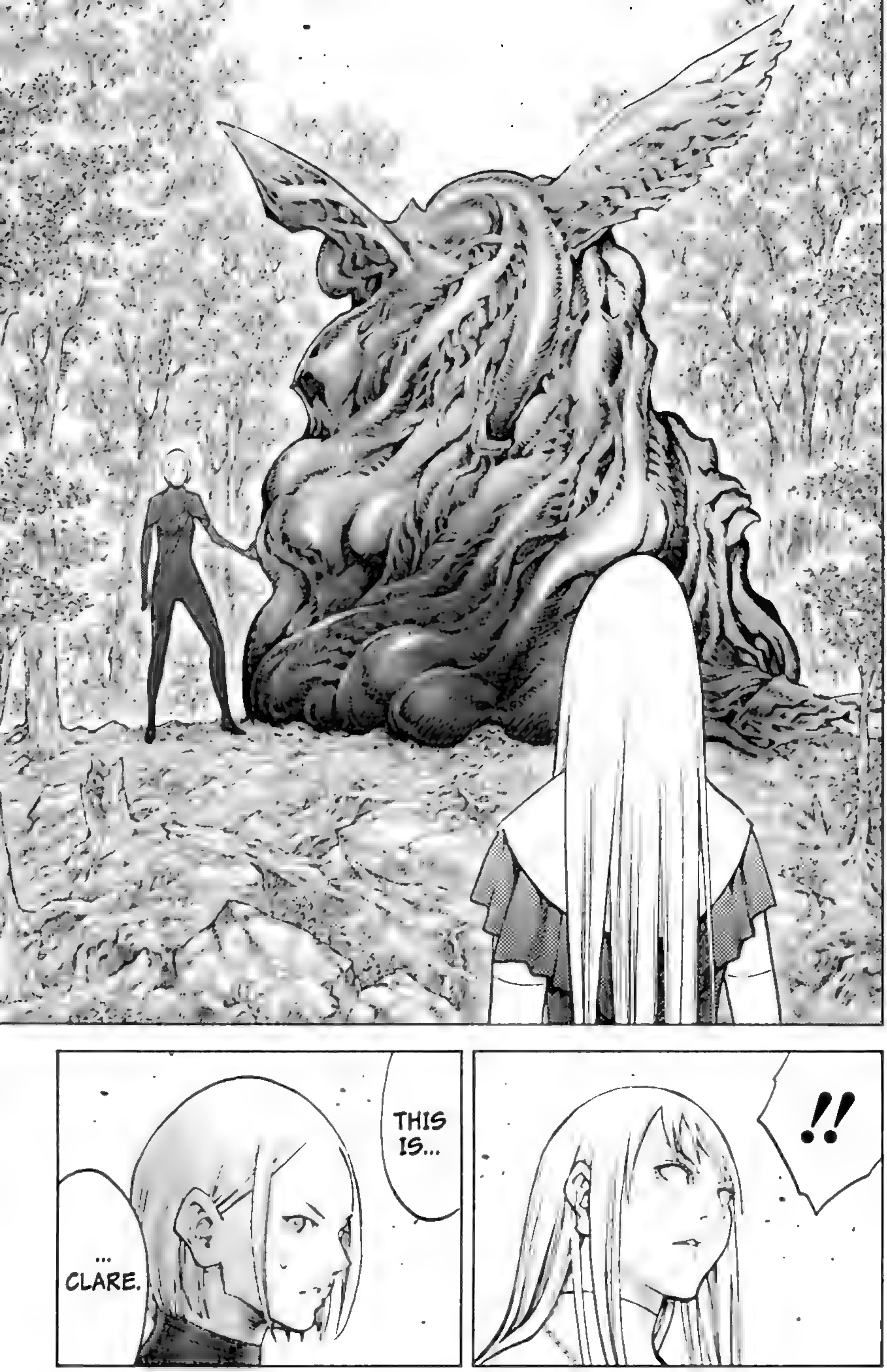

HAS THERE BEEN...
ZA
...ANY PROGRESS?
ZA
ZA
ZA
YES.
WE...
...HAVE LEARNED WHY THE RODS HAVE NOT EATEN AWAY THE MAN.
!
OH MY...
INTERESTING. TELL ME MORE.
YES, SIR.
BUT, WELL...
IT MAY BE...
GASHAK
...BETTER TO SEE FOR YOURSELF.

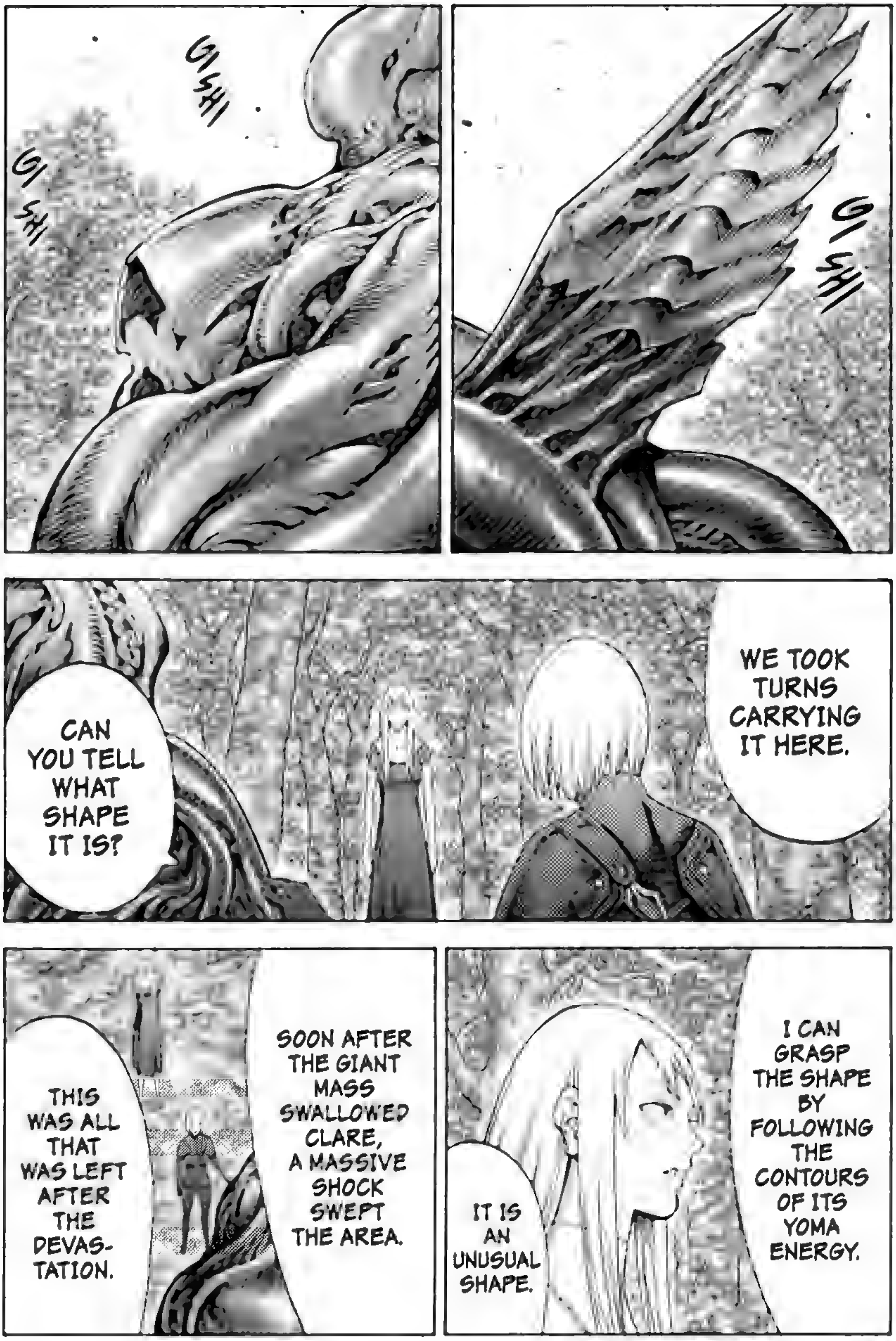

VWMM
VWMM
VWMM
!
GISH
GISH

READ THIS WAY

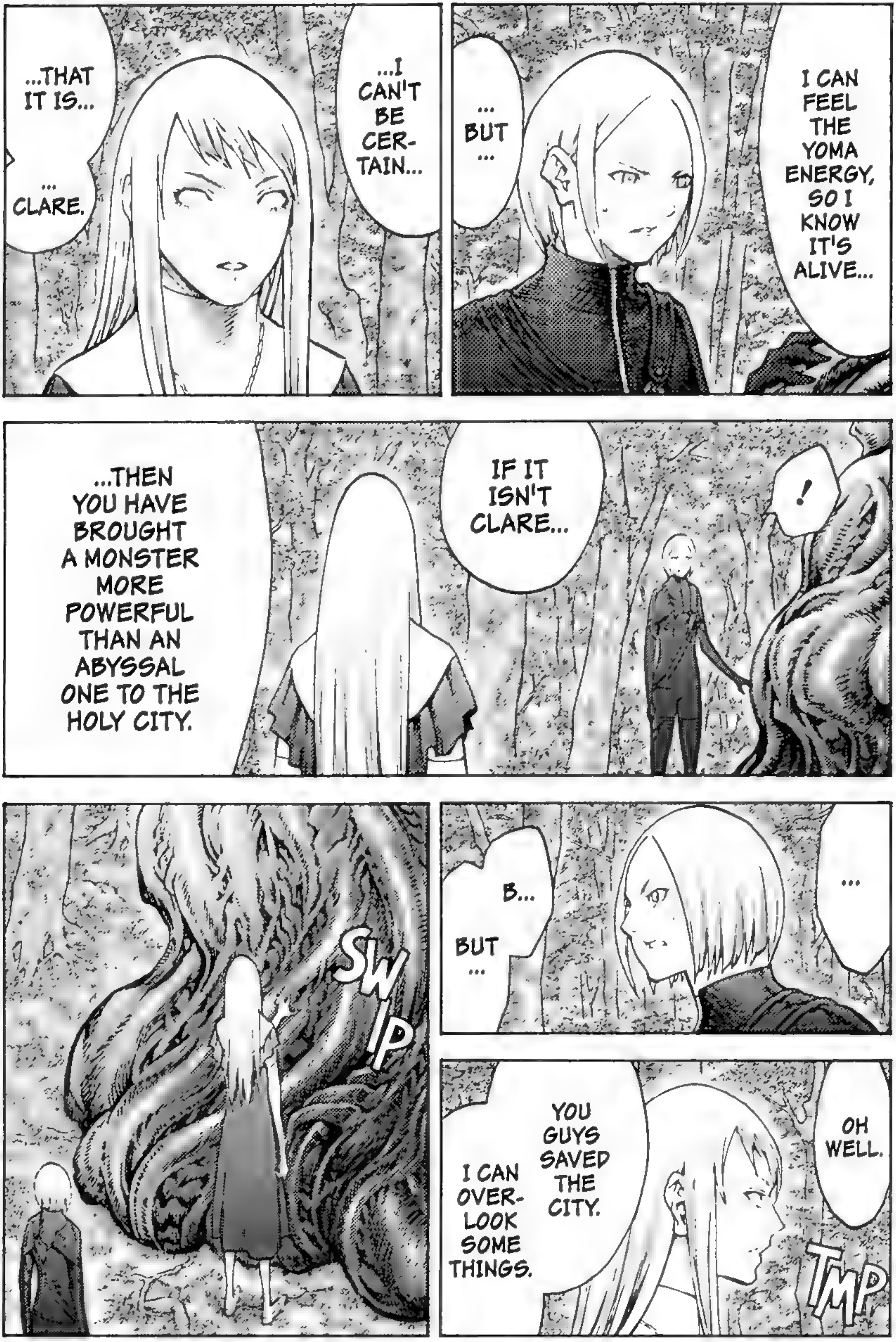

OH MY. I SEE.
ISN'T THAT SOMETHING...
ZA
ZA
ZA
HEY...
HOW FAR ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE ME WALK?

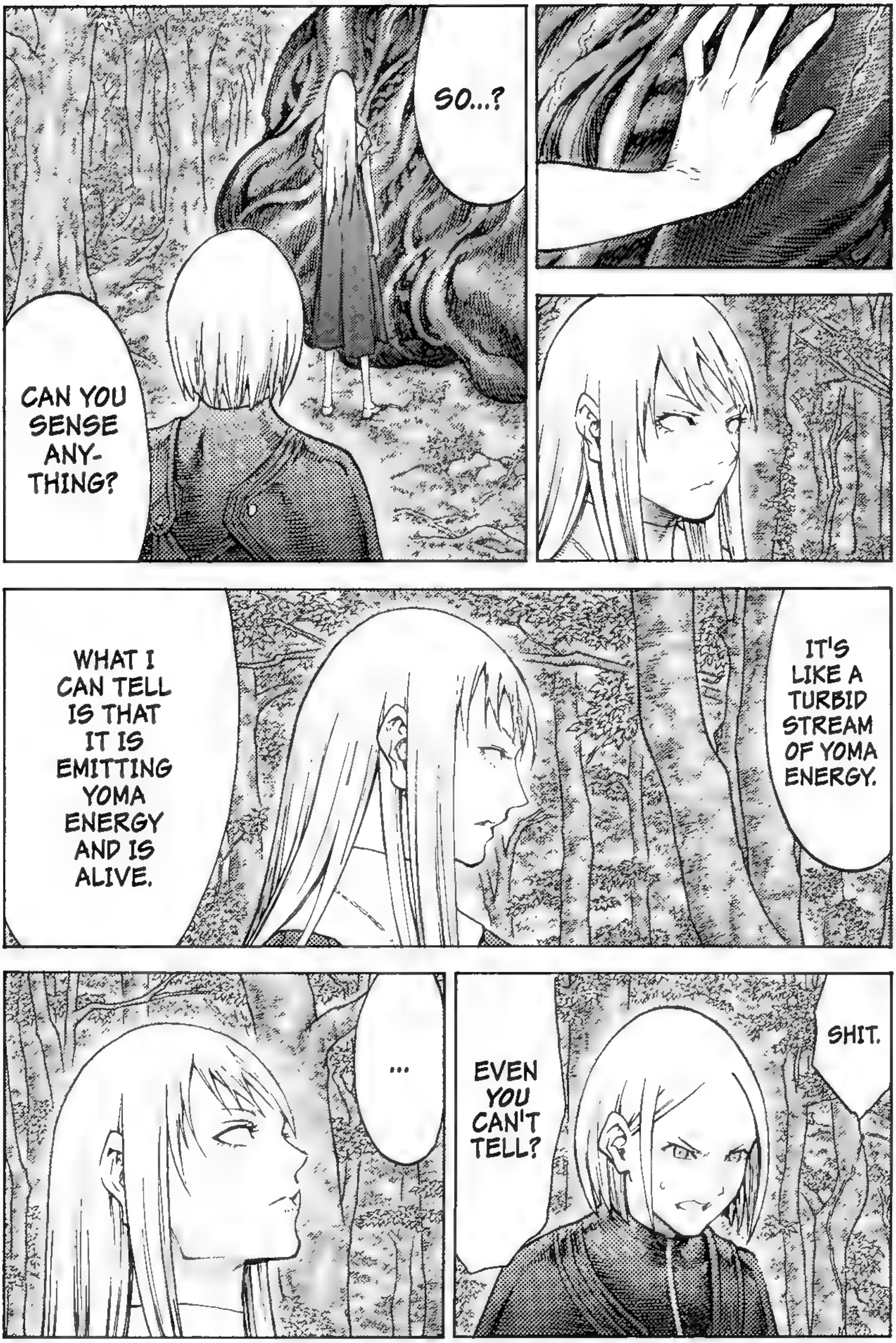

SORRY.
JUST A LITTLE BIT FURTHER.
GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE THING, I FEARED TAKING IT INTO THE HOLY CITY.
ZA
ZA
AND THEN THERE WAS THE ATTACK.
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE WEST.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF AN AWAKENED BEING WITH A SINGLE HORN AND WINGS.
IT WAS OUR FIRST TIME SEEING ONE, TOO.
RIFUL DID ONCE SAY THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING MORE POWERFUL THAN THEM...
...BUT I HAD NO IDEA IT WAS TRUE.
A POWER STRONGER...
...THAN AN ABYSSAL ONE?
WE'RE HERE.
!

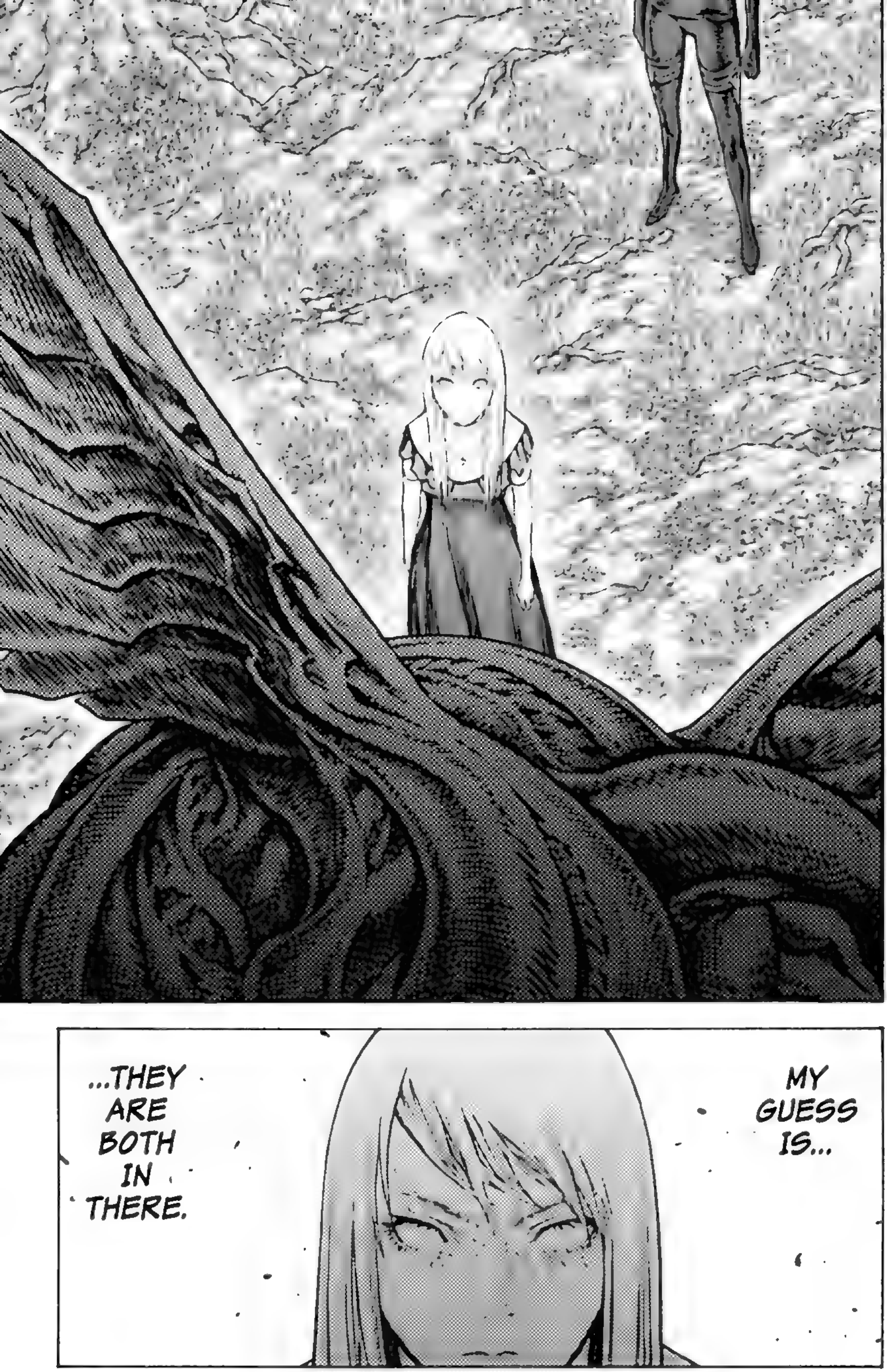

!!
THIS IS...
... CLARE.

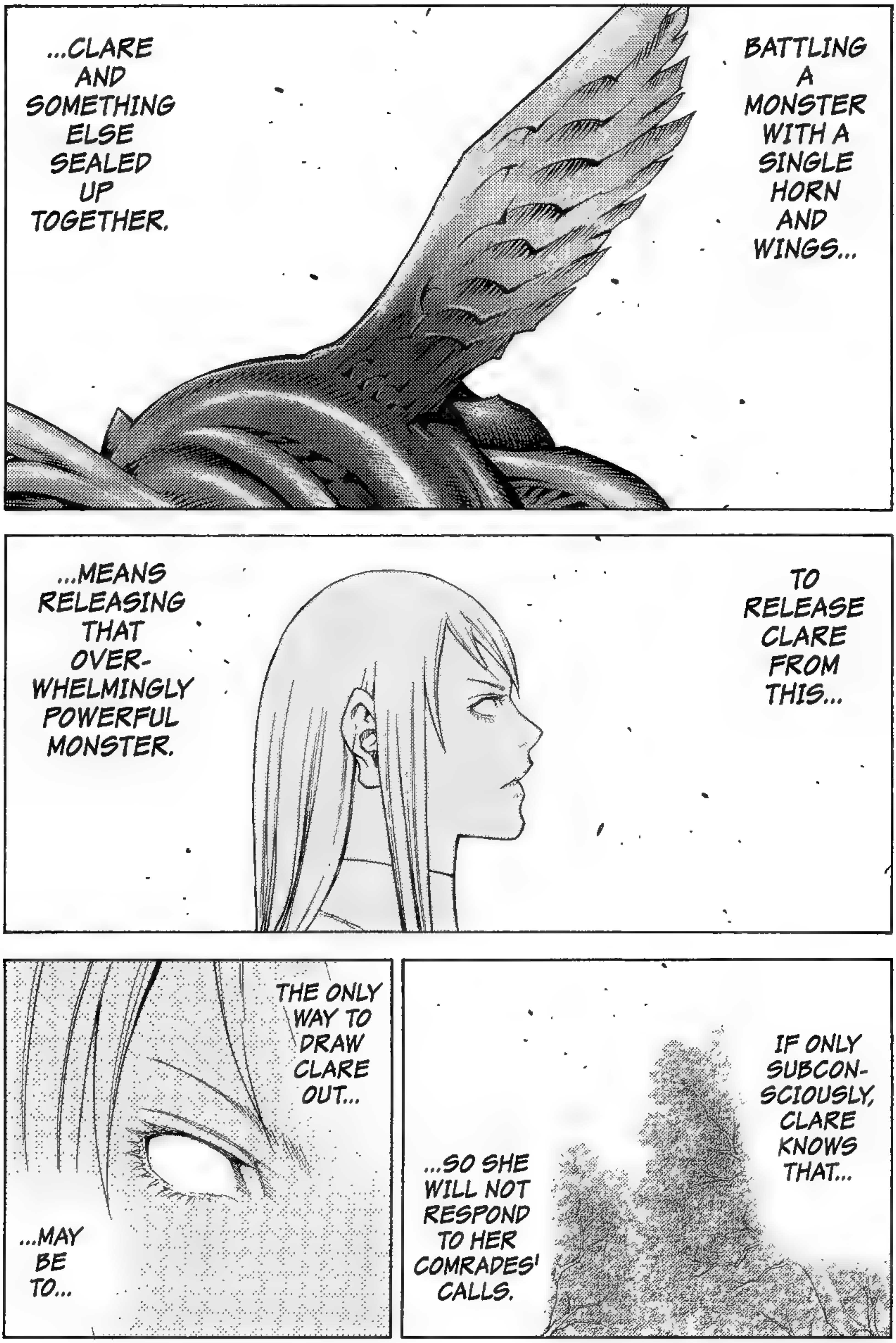

GI SHI
GI SHI
GI SHI
WE TOOK TURNS CARRYING IT HERE.
CAN YOU TELL WHAT SHAPE IT IS?
I CAN GRASP THE SHAPE BY FOLLOWING THE CONTOURS OF ITS YOMA ENERGY.
IT IS AN UNUSUAL SHAPE.
SOON AFTER THE GIANT MASS SWALLOWED CLARE, A MASSIVE SHOCK SWEPT THE AREA.
THIS WAS ALL THAT WAS LEFT AFTER THE DEVASTATION.

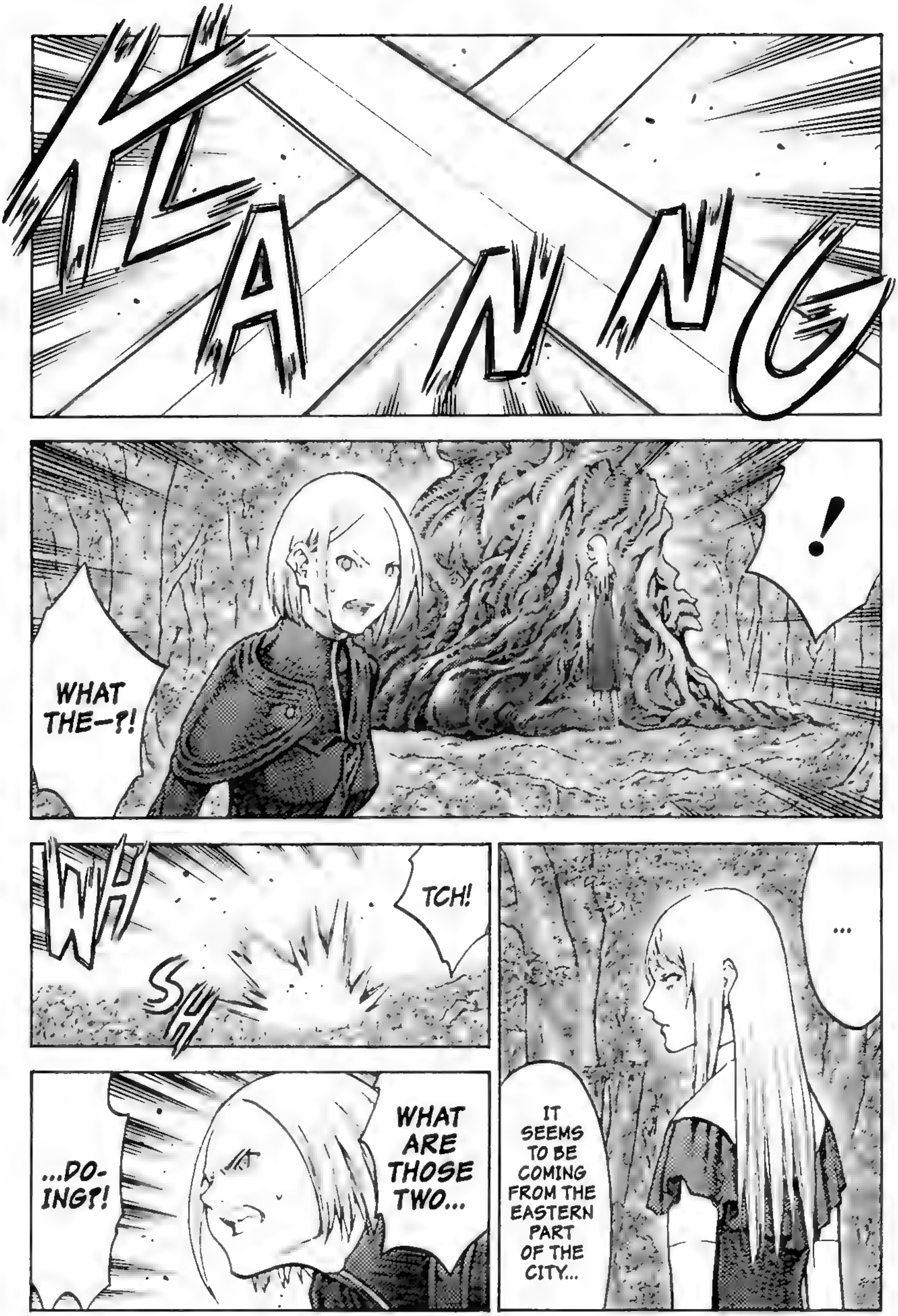
READ THIS WAY

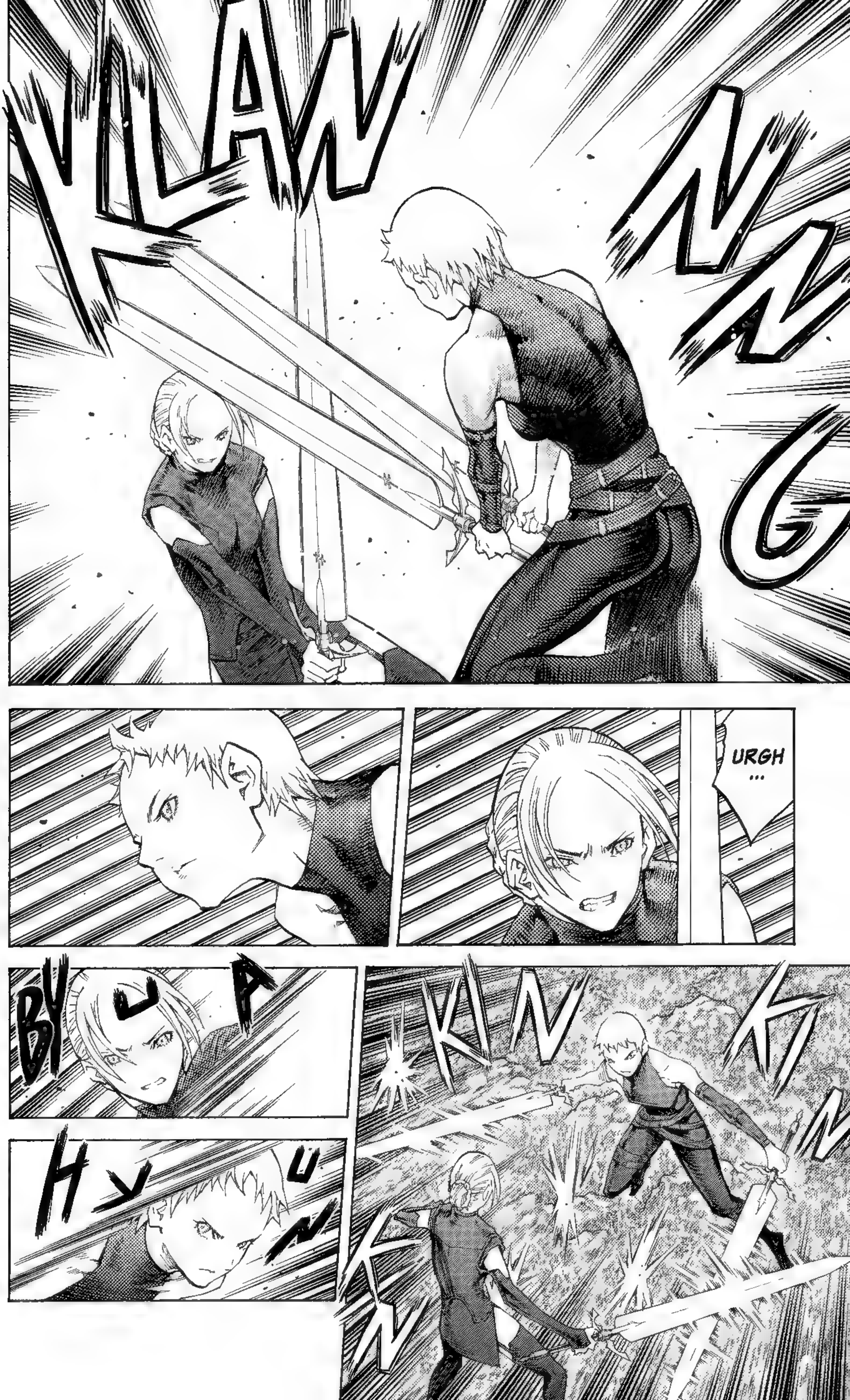

I CAN FEEL THE YOMA ENERGY, SO I KNOW IT'S ALIVE...
...BUT...
...I CAN'T BE CERTAIN...
...THAT IT IS... ...CLARE.
!
IF IT ISN'T CLARE...
...THEN YOU HAVE BROUGHT A MONSTER MORE POWERFUL THAN AN ABYSSAL ONE TO THE HOLY CITY.
...
B... BUT...
OH WELL.
TMP
YOU GUYS SAVED THE CITY.
I CAN OVERLOOK SOME THINGS.
SWIP

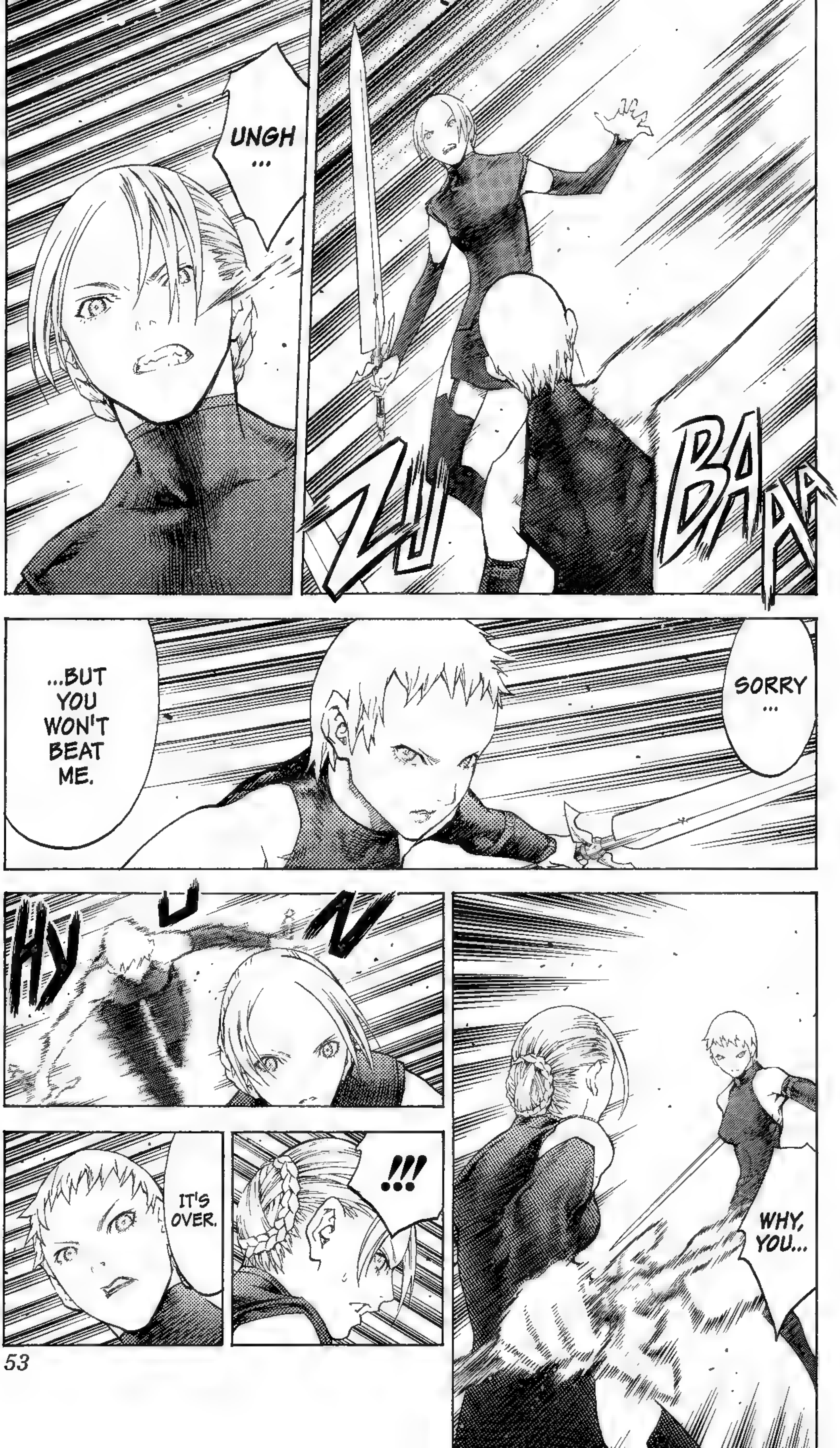

SO...?
CAN YOU SENSE ANYTHING?
WHAT I CAN TELL IS THAT IT IS EMITTING YOMA ENERGY AND IS ALIVE.
IT'S LIKE A TURBID STREAM OF YOMA ENERGY.
...
EVEN *YOU* CAN'T TELL?
SHIT.

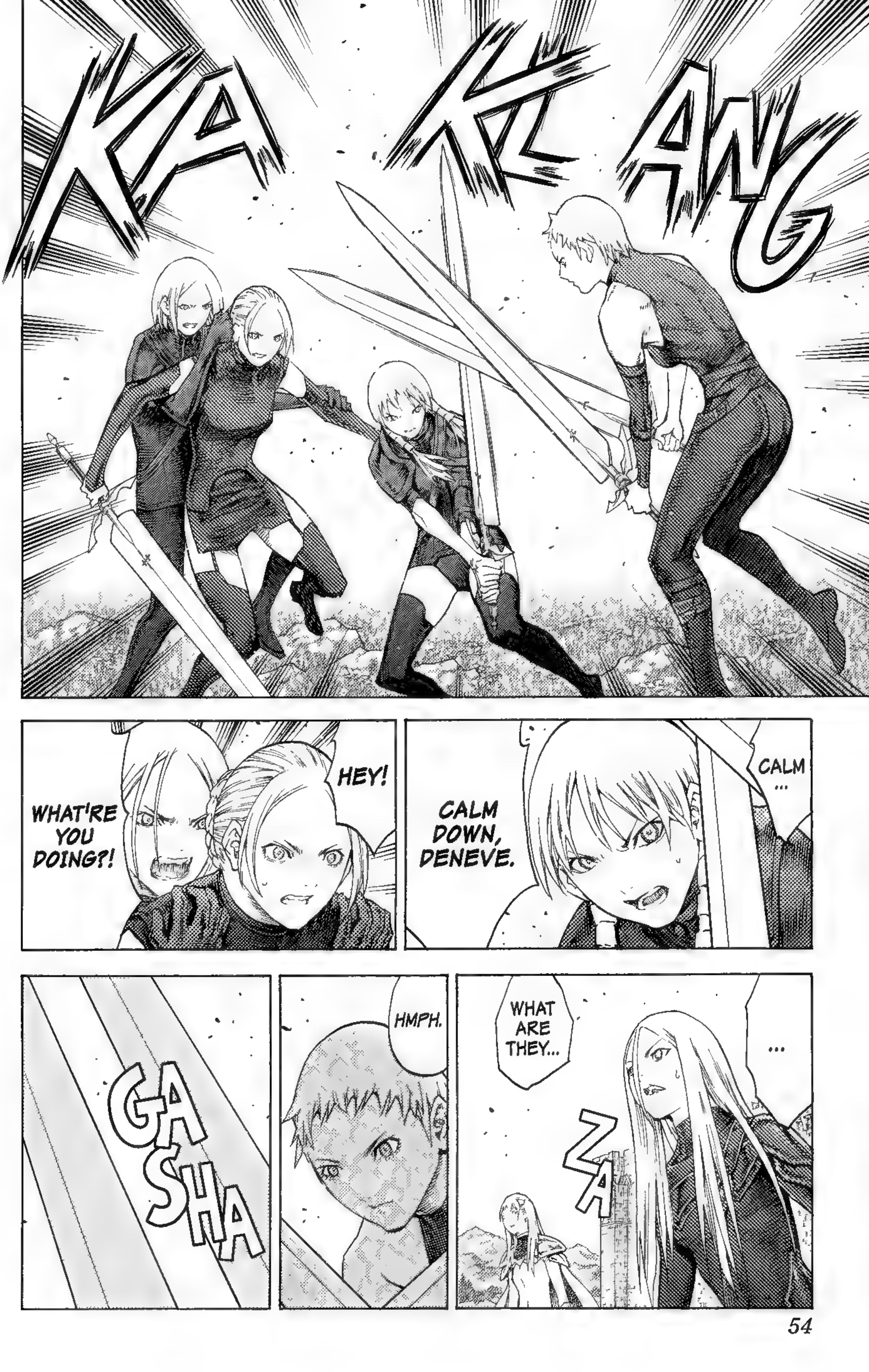

MY GUESS IS...
...THEY ARE BOTH IN THERE.


BATTLING A MONSTER WITH A SINGLE HORN AND WINGS...
...CLARE AND SOMETHING ELSE SEALED UP TOGETHER.
TO RELEASE CLARE FROM THIS...
...MEANS RELEASING THAT OVERWHELMINGLY POWERFUL MONSTER.
IF ONLY SUBCONSCIOUSLY, CLARE KNOWS THAT...
...SO SHE WILL NOT RESPOND TO HER COMRADES' CALLS.
THE ONLY WAY TO DRAW CLARE OUT...
...MAY BE TO...

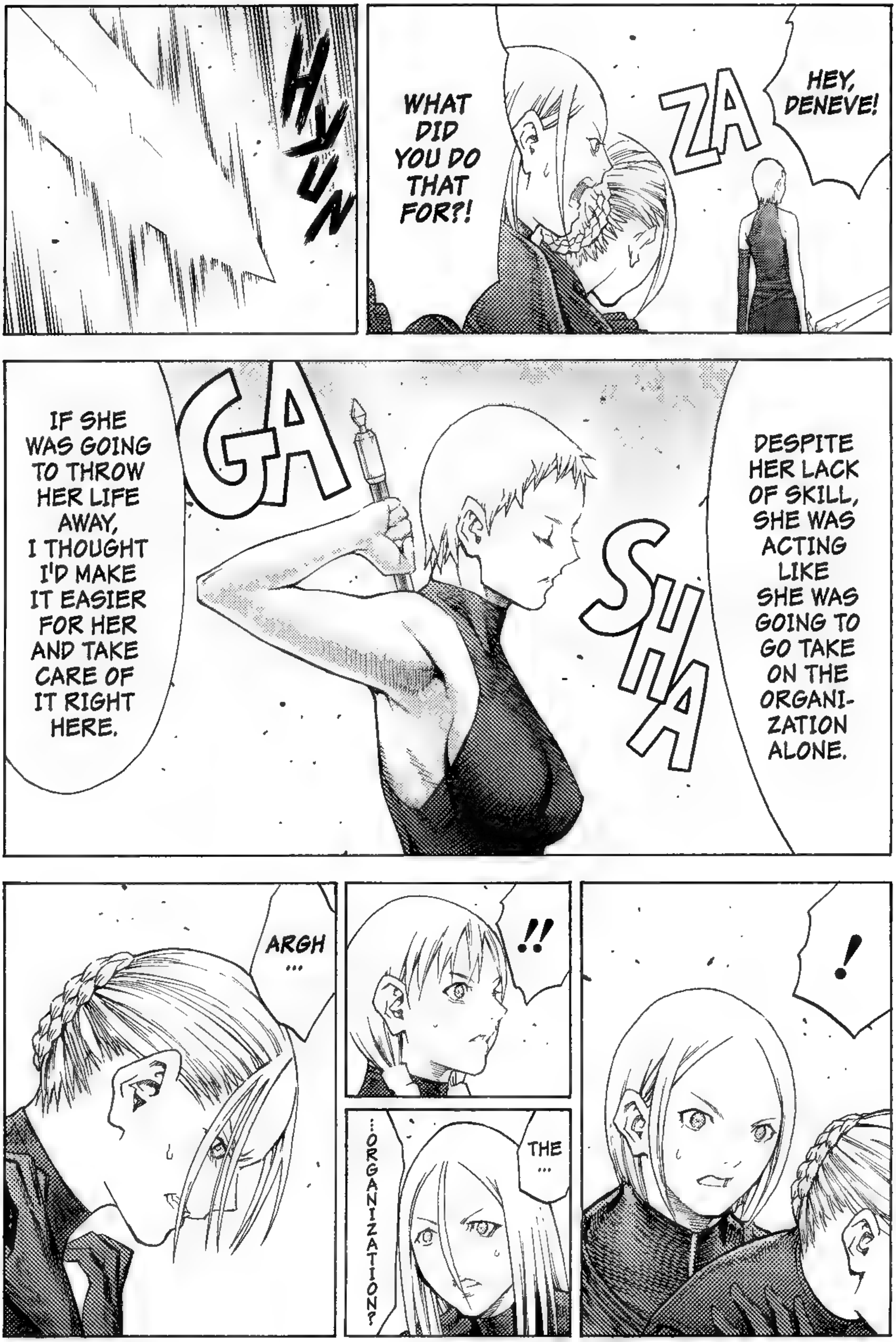

KLANNG
!
WHAT THE—?!
WHSH
TCH!
WHAT ARE THOSE TWO...
...DO-ING?!
...
IT SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM THE EASTERN PART OF THE CITY...

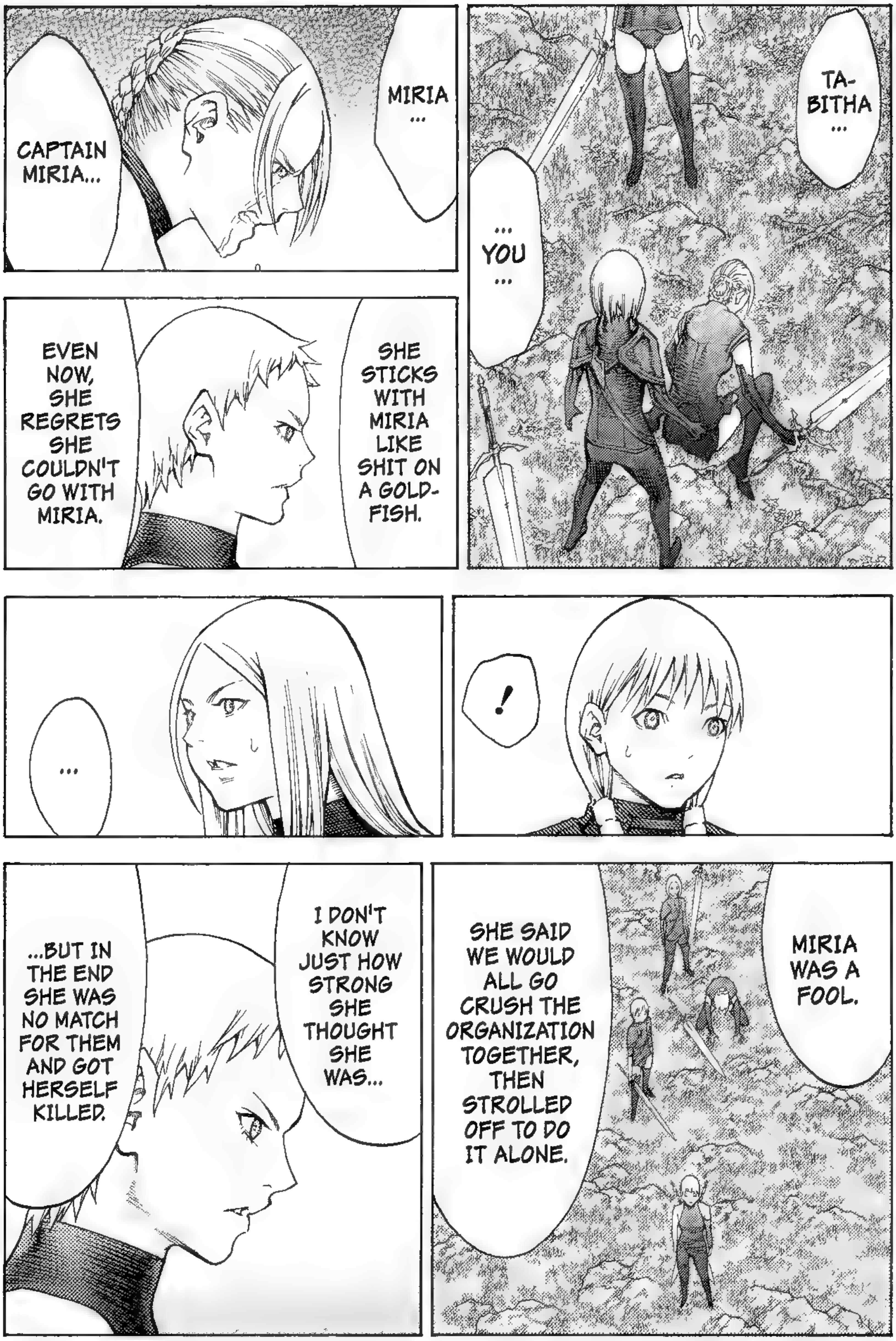

KLAWNNG
URGH ...
KIN
KIN
KN
BYUP
HYUN


ZU BAAA
UNGH...
SORRY...
...BUT YOU WON'T BEAT ME.
WHY, YOU...
HYUN
!!!
IT'S OVER.

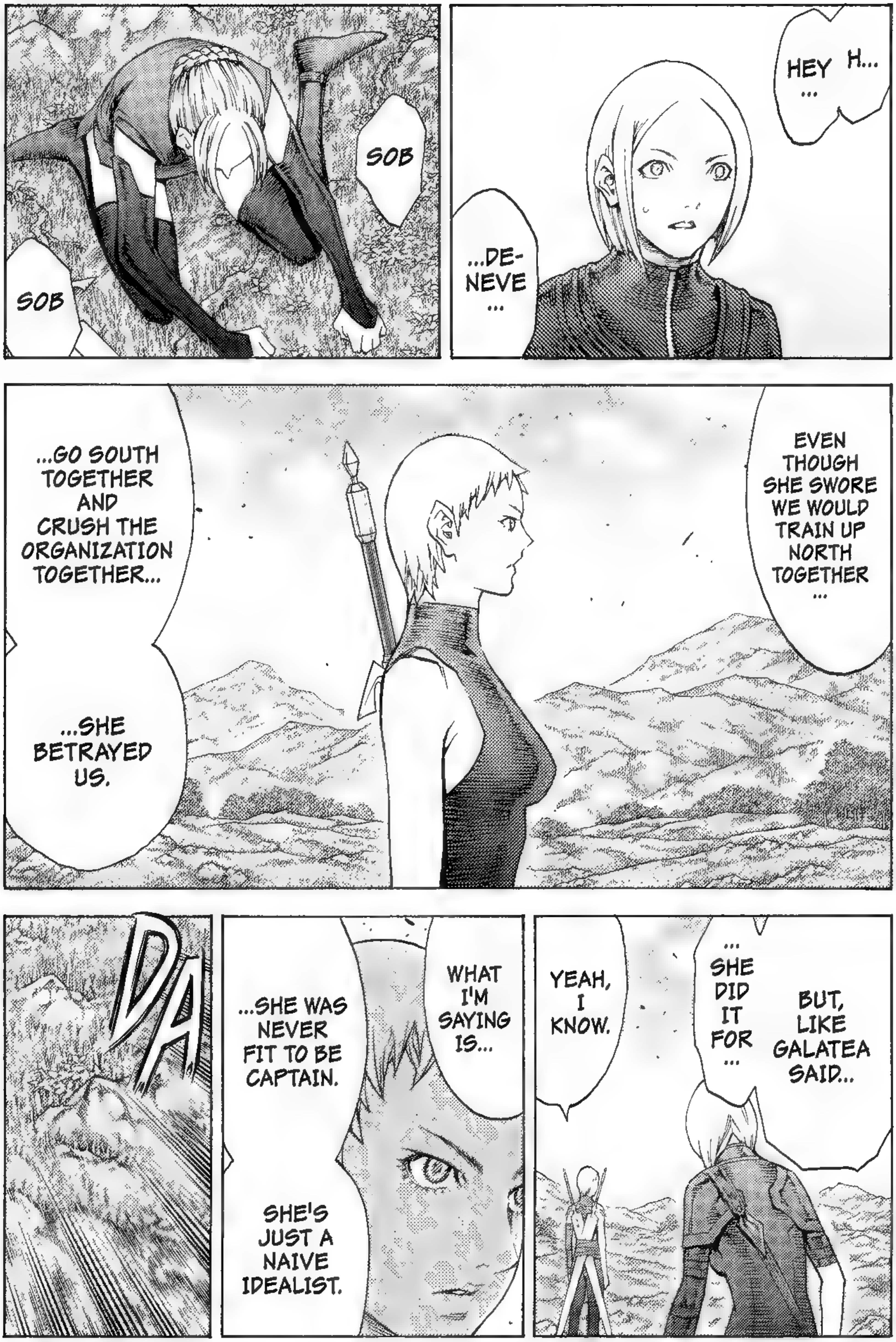

KA-KLANG
CALM ...
CALM DOWN, DENEVE.
HEY!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
...
WHAT ARE THEY...
ZA
HMPH.
GASHA

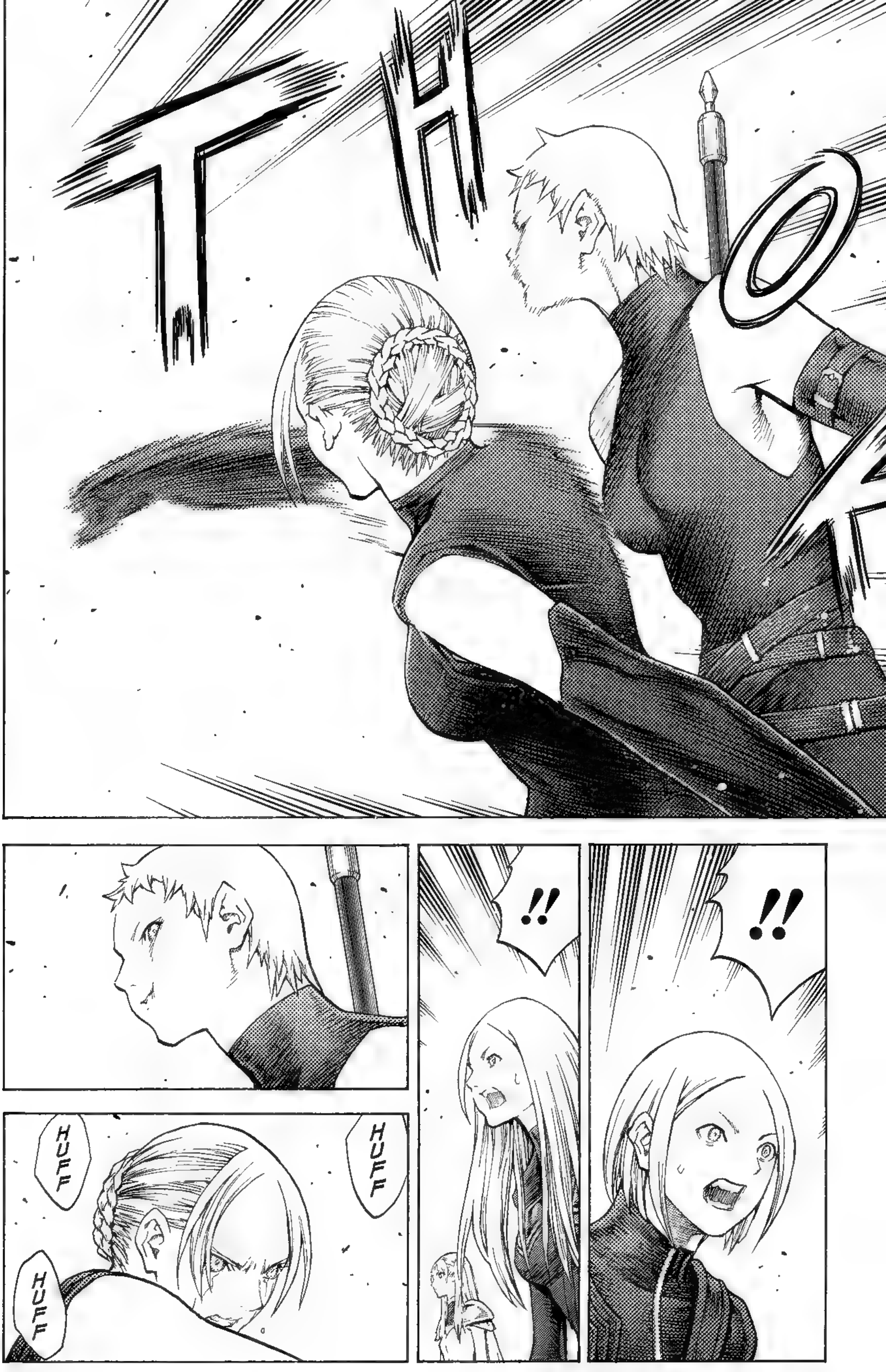
READ THIS WAY


HEY, DENEVE!
ZA
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
HYUN
DESPITE HER LACK OF SKILL, SHE WAS ACTING LIKE SHE WAS GOING TO GO TAKE ON THE ORGANIZATION ALONE.
SHA
GA
IF SHE WAS GOING TO THROW HER LIFE AWAY, I THOUGHT I'D MAKE IT EASIER FOR HER AND TAKE CARE OF IT RIGHT HERE.
!
!!
THE ...
...ORGANIZATION?
ARGH ...


TA-BITHA…
… YOU …
MIRIA …
CAPTAIN MIRIA…
SHE STICKS WITH MIRIA LIKE SHIT ON A GOLDFISH.
EVEN NOW, SHE REGRETS SHE COULDN'T GO WITH MIRIA.
!
…
MIRIA WAS A FOOL.
SHE SAID WE WOULD ALL GO CRUSH THE ORGANIZATION TOGETHER, THEN STROLLED OFF TO DO IT ALONE.
I DON'T KNOW JUST HOW STRONG SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS…
…BUT IN THE END SHE WAS NO MATCH FOR THEM AND GOT HERSELF KILLED.

READ THIS WAY


H...
HEY...
...DE-NEVE...
SOB
SOB
EVEN THOUGH SHE SWORE WE WOULD TRAIN UP NORTH TOGETHER...
...GO SOUTH TOGETHER AND CRUSH THE ORGANIZATION TOGETHER...
...SHE BETRAYED US.
BUT, LIKE GALATEA SAID...
...SHE DID IT FOR...
YEAH, I KNOW.
WHAT I'M SAYING IS...
...SHE WAS NEVER FIT TO BE CAPTAIN.
SHE'S JUST A NAIVE IDEALIST.
DA


THOK
!!
!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

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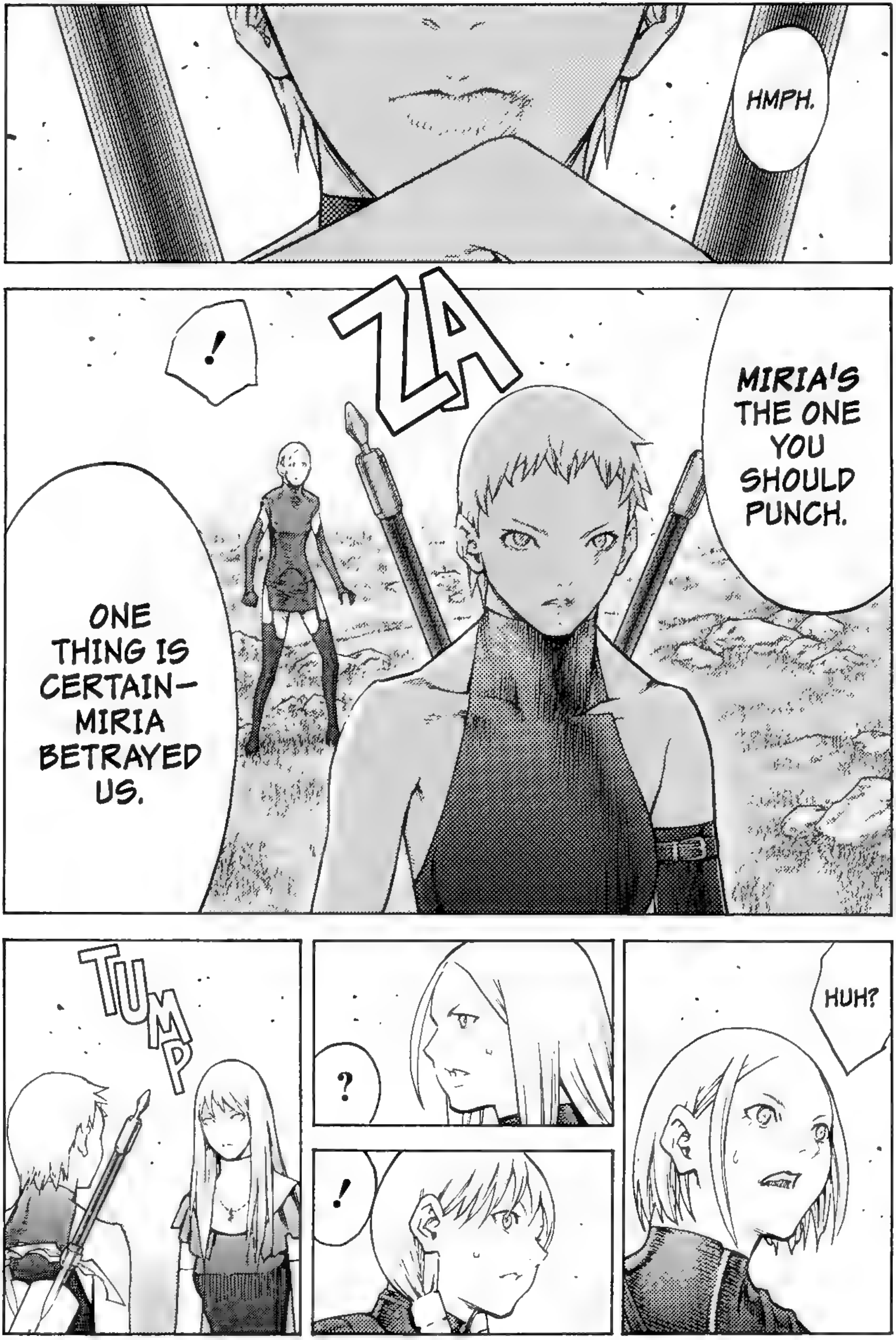
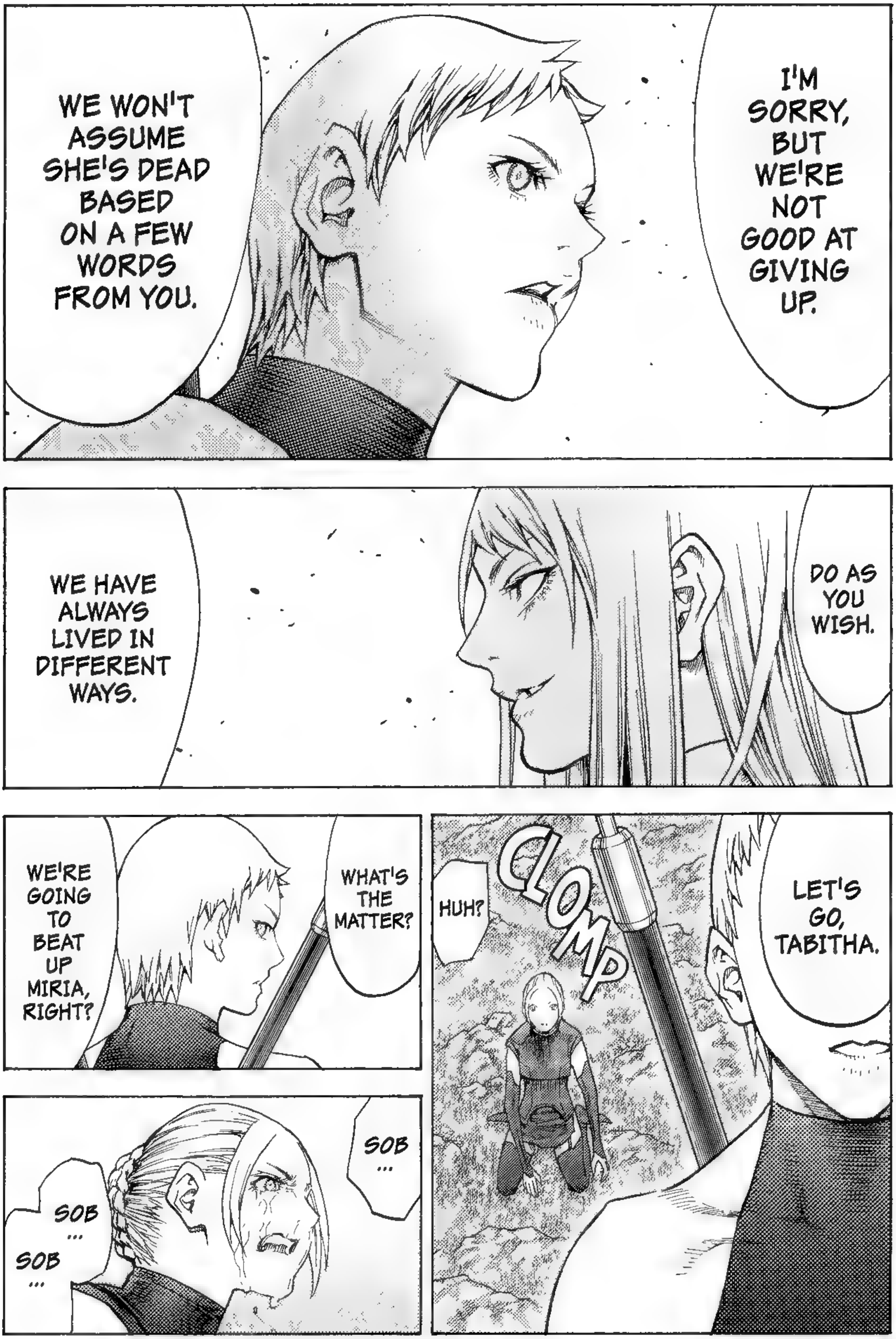
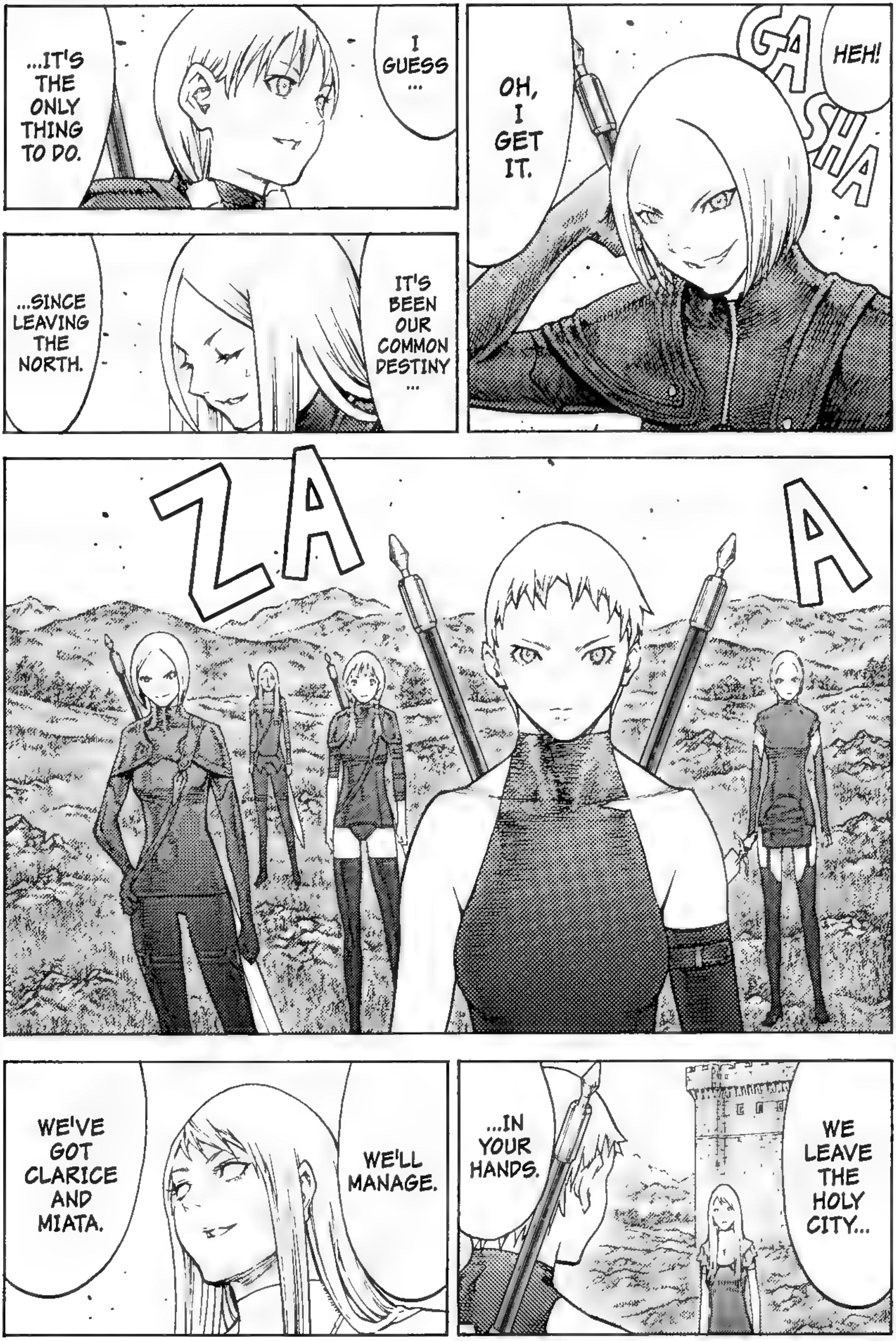
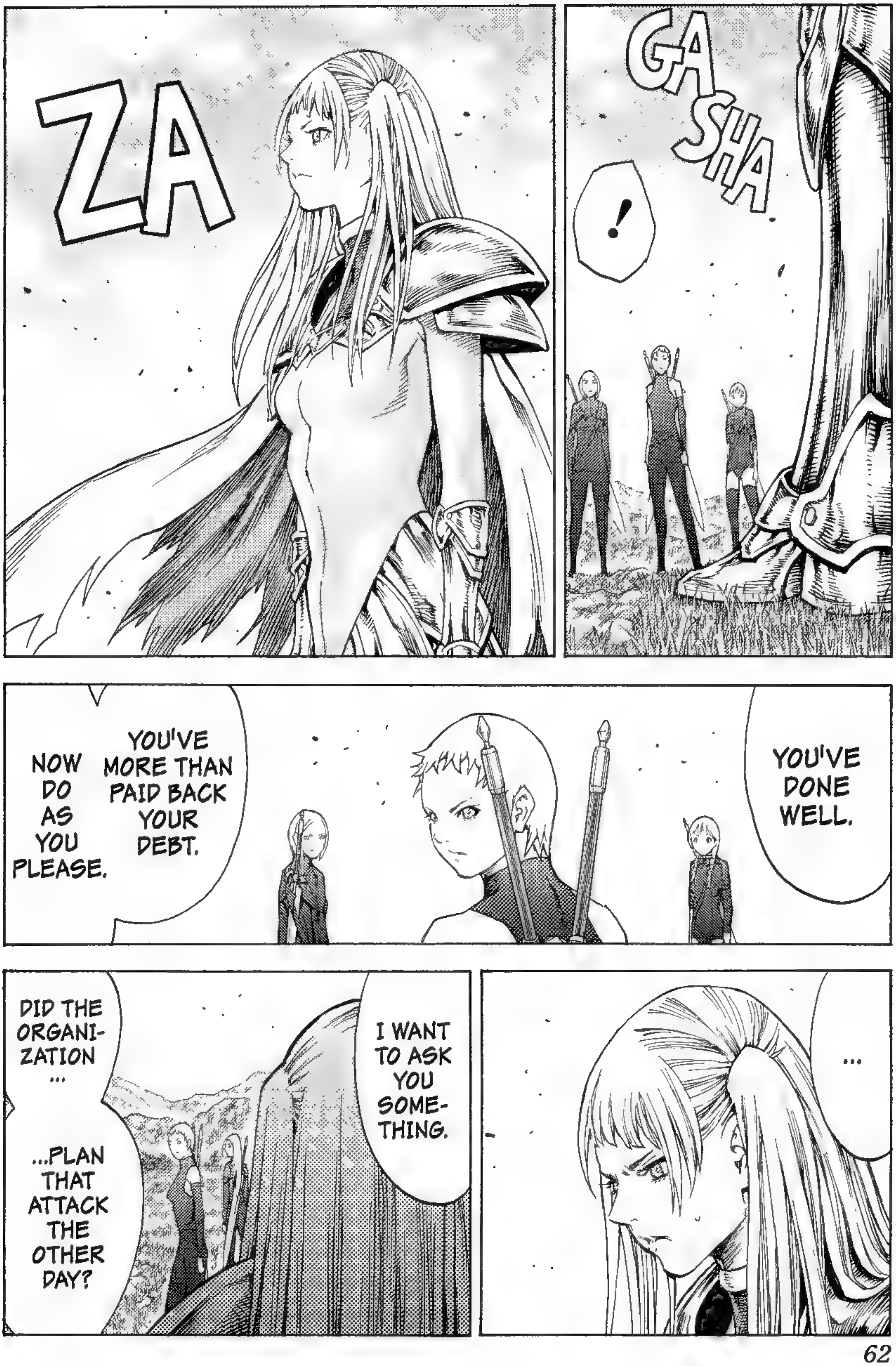
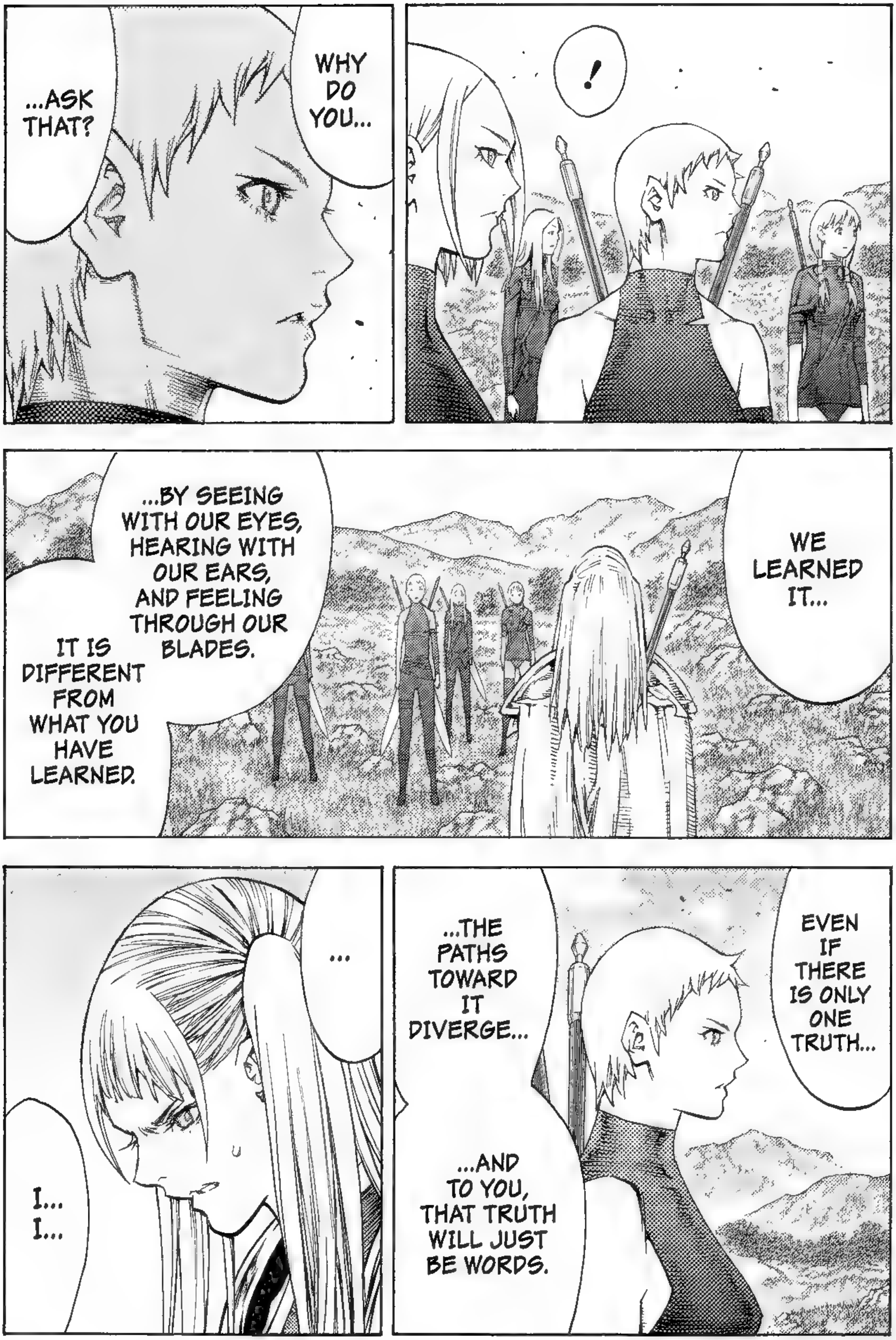

HMPH.
MIRIA'S THE ONE YOU SHOULD PUNCH.
ZA
!
ONE THING IS CERTAIN— MIRIA BETRAYED US.
HUH?
?
!
TUMP

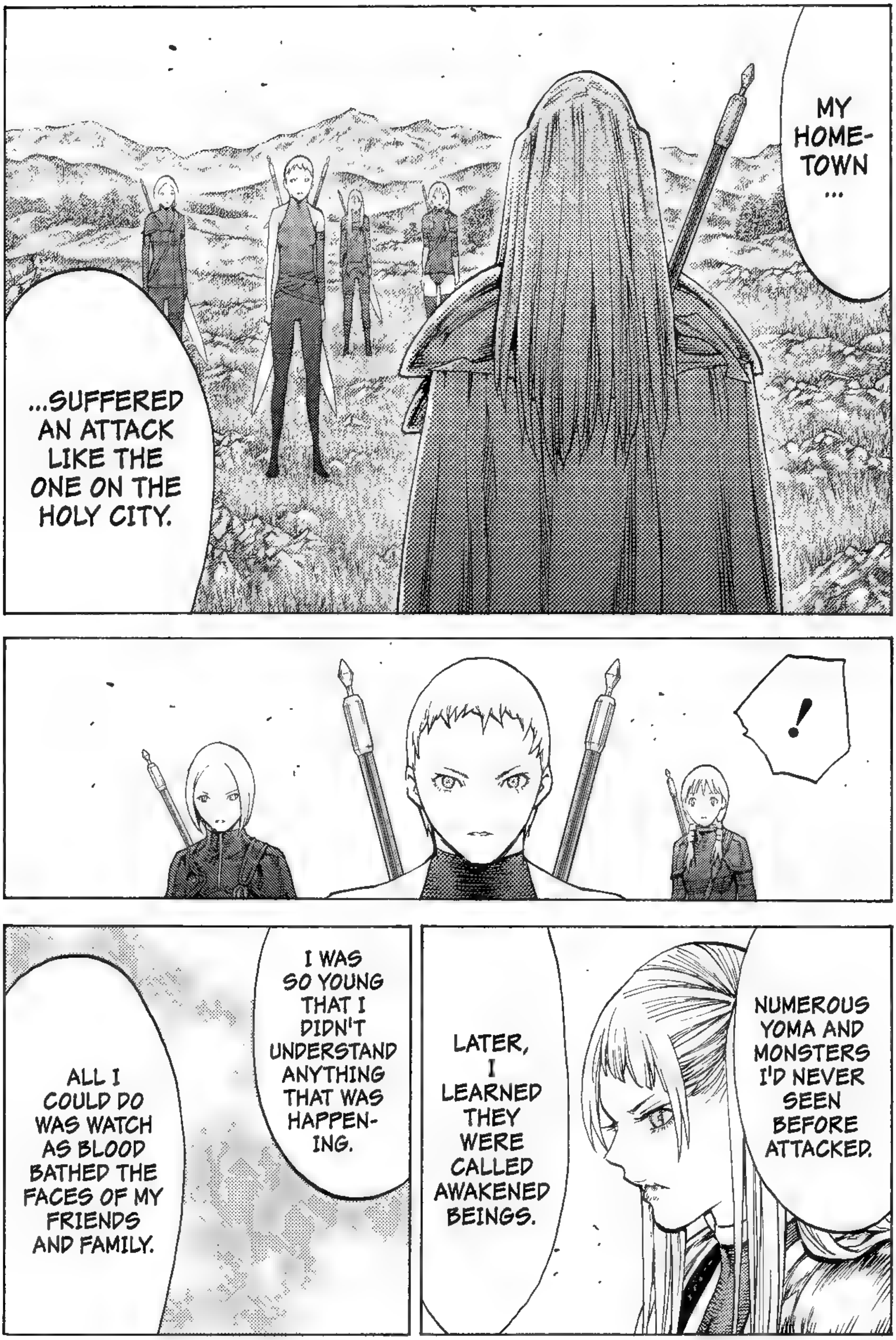

I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE NOT GOOD AT GIVING UP.
WE WON'T ASSUME SHE'S DEAD BASED ON A FEW WORDS FROM YOU.
DO AS YOU WISH.
WE HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN DIFFERENT WAYS.
LET'S GO, TABITHA.
CLOMP
HUH?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WE'RE GOING TO BEAT UP MIRIA, RIGHT?
SOB …
SOB …
SOB …

READ THIS WAY

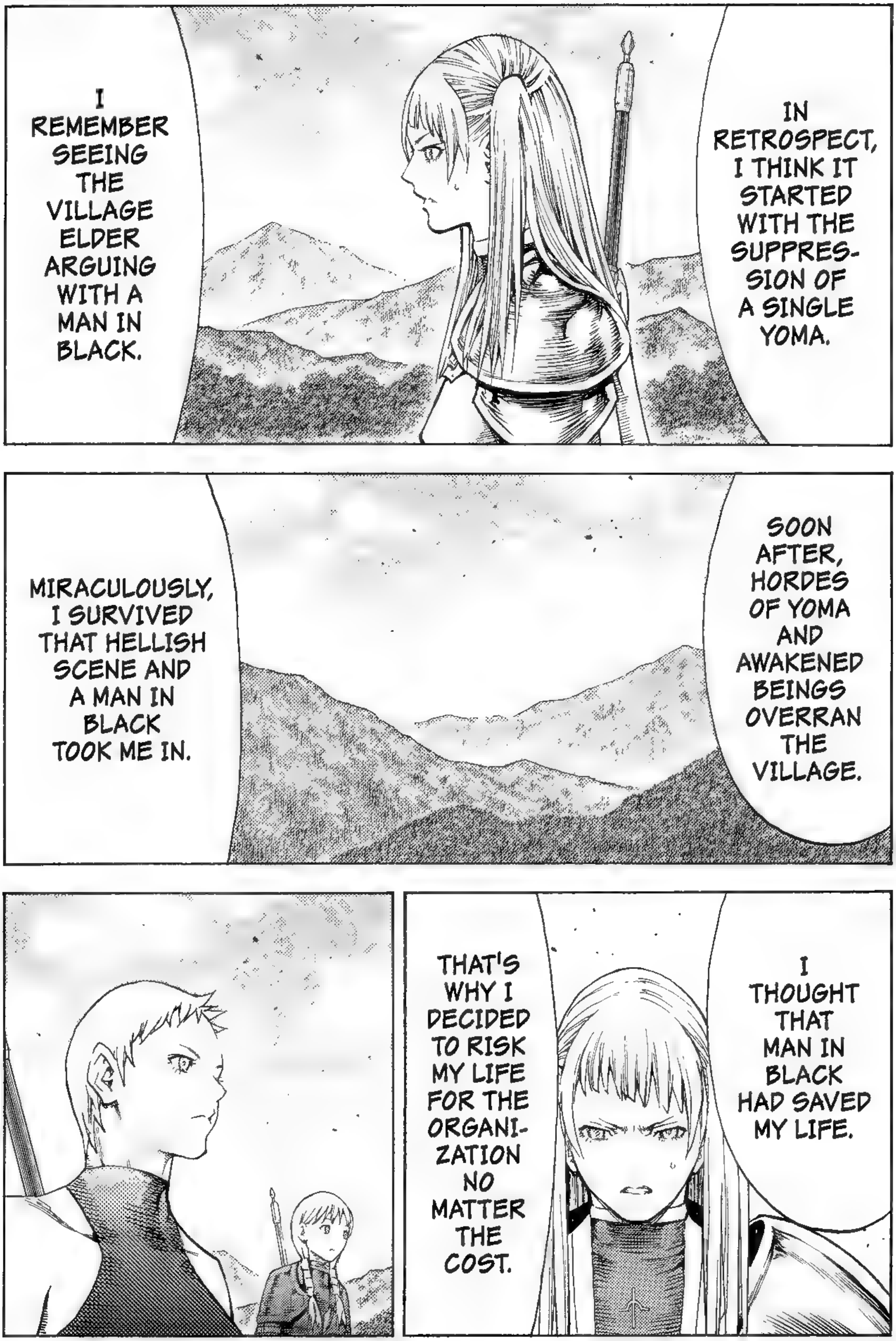

HEH!
GASHA
OH, I GET IT.
I GUESS...
...IT'S THE ONLY THING TO DO.
IT'S BEEN OUR COMMON DESTINY...
...SINCE LEAVING THE NORTH.
ZAA
WE LEAVE THE HOLY CITY...
...IN YOUR HANDS.
WE'LL MANAGE.
WE'VE GOT CLARICE AND MIATA.

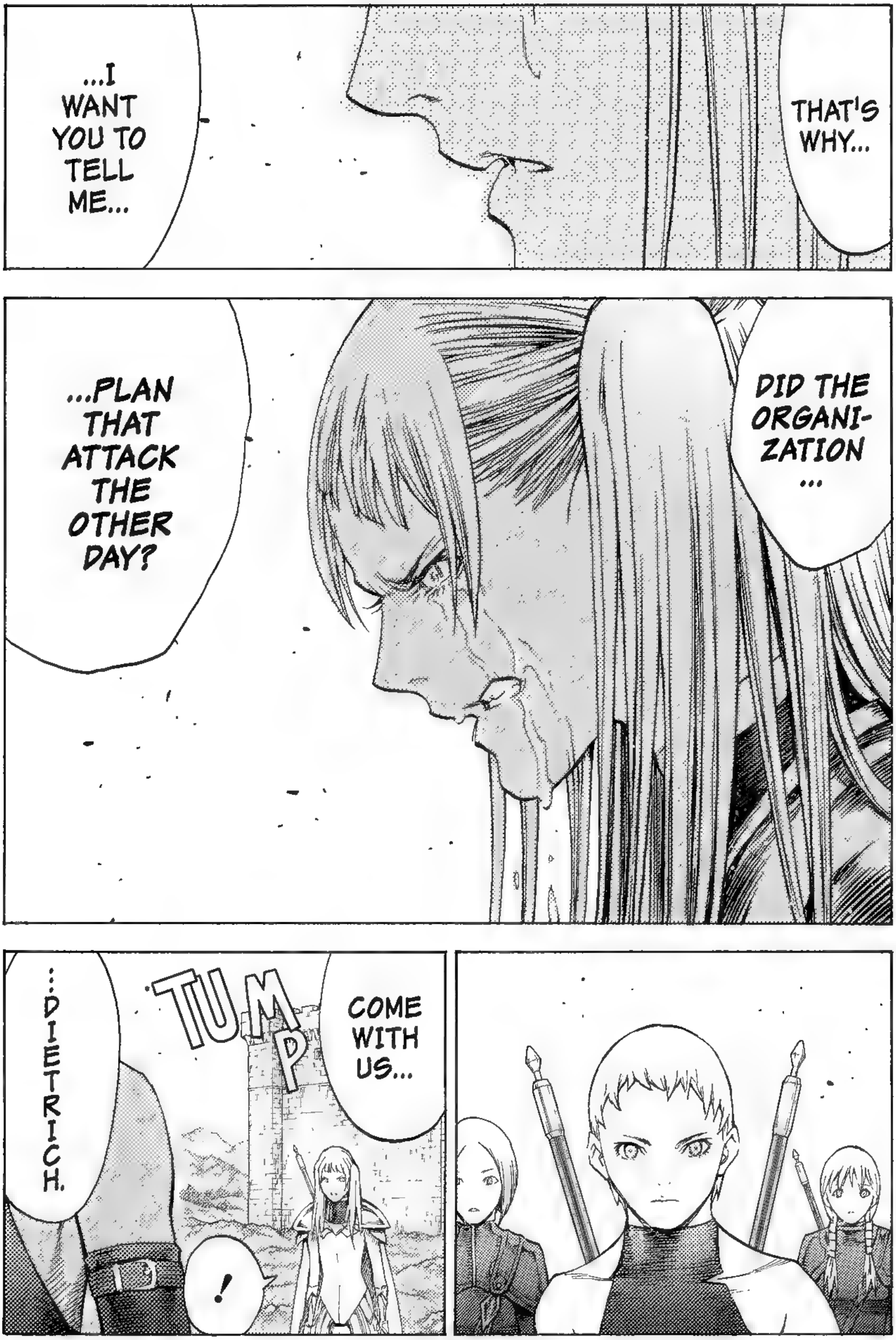

GASHA
!
ZA
YOU'VE DONE WELL.
YOU'VE MORE THAN PAID BACK YOUR DEBT.
NOW DO AS YOU PLEASE.
...
I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
DID THE ORGANIZATION...
...PLAN THAT ATTACK THE OTHER DAY?


!
WHY DO YOU...
...ASK THAT?
WE LEARNED IT...
...BY SEEING WITH OUR EYES, HEARING WITH OUR EARS, AND FEELING THROUGH OUR BLADES.
IT IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED.
EVEN IF THERE IS ONLY ONE TRUTH...
...THE PATHS TOWARD IT DIVERGE...
...AND TO YOU, THAT TRUTH WILL JUST BE WORDS.
...
I... I...

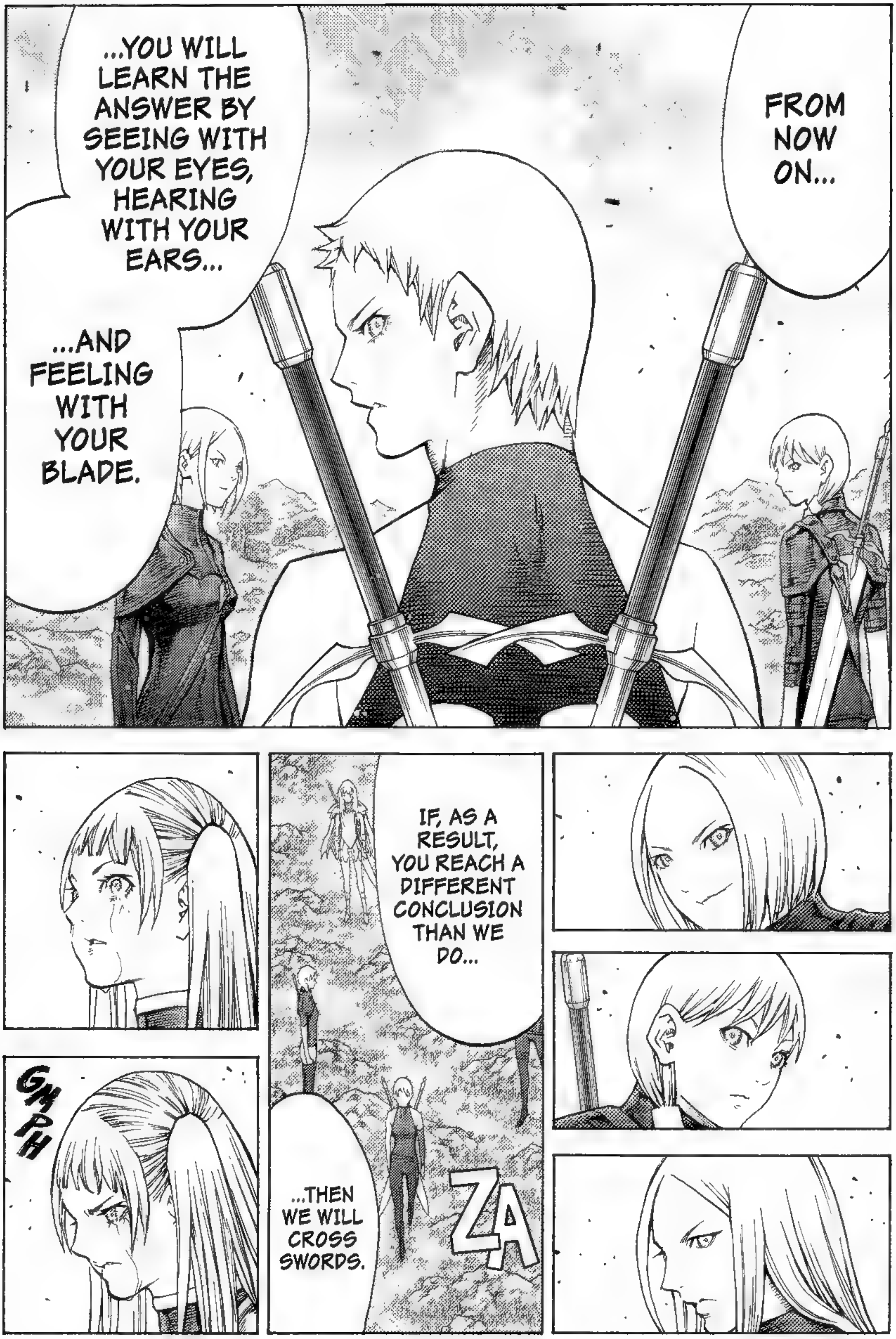

MY HOMETOWN...
...SUFFERED AN ATTACK LIKE THE ONE ON THE HOLY CITY.
!
NUMEROUS YOMA AND MONSTERS I'D NEVER SEEN BEFORE ATTACKED.
LATER, I LEARNED THEY WERE CALLED AWAKENED BEINGS.
I WAS SO YOUNG THAT I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING THAT WAS HAPPENING.
ALL I COULD DO WAS WATCH AS BLOOD BATHED THE FACES OF MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

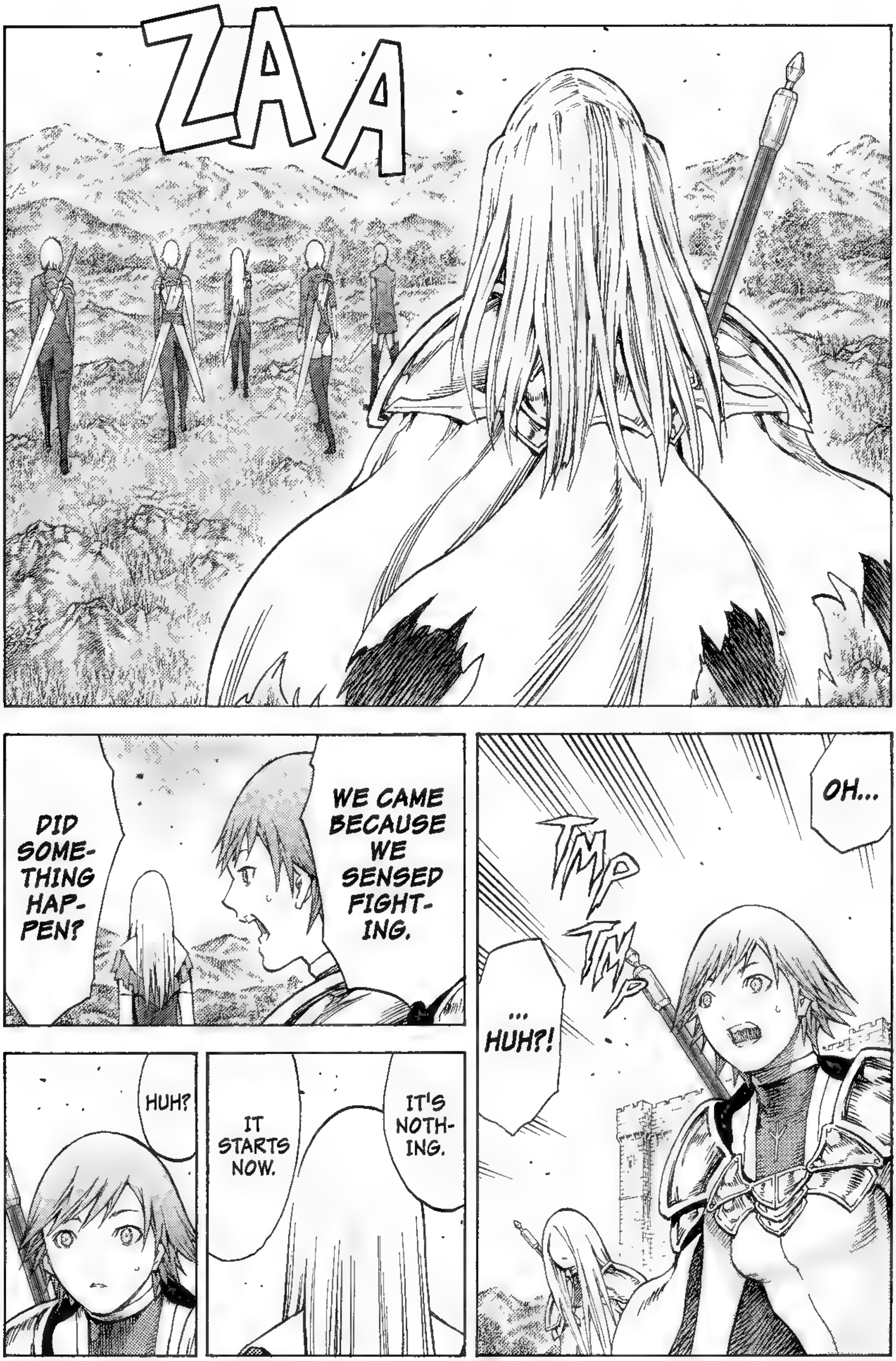
READ THIS WAY


IN RETROSPECT, I THINK IT STARTED WITH THE SUPPRESSION OF A SINGLE YOMA.
I REMEMBER SEEING THE VILLAGE ELDER ARGUING WITH A MAN IN BLACK.
SOON AFTER, HORDES OF YOMA AND AWAKENED BEINGS OVERRAN THE VILLAGE.
MIRACULOUSLY, I SURVIVED THAT HELLISH SCENE AND A MAN IN BLACK TOOK ME IN.
I THOUGHT THAT MAN IN BLACK HAD SAVED MY LIFE.
THAT'S WHY I DECIDED TO RISK MY LIFE FOR THE ORGANIZATION NO MATTER THE COST.


THAT'S WHY...
...I WANT YOU TO TELL ME...
DID THE ORGANIZATION...
...PLAN THAT ATTACK THE OTHER DAY?
COME WITH US...
TUMP
...DIETRICH.
!

READ THIS WAY


FROM NOW ON...
...YOU WILL LEARN THE ANSWER BY SEEING WITH YOUR EYES, HEARING WITH YOUR EARS...
...AND FEELING WITH YOUR BLADE.
IF, AS A RESULT, YOU REACH A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION THAN WE DO...
...THEN WE WILL CROSS SWORDS.
ZA
GMPH


ZAA
OH...
TMP TMP
...HUH?!
WE CAME BECAUSE WE SENSED FIGHTING.
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
IT'S NOTHING.
IT STARTS NOW.
HUH?

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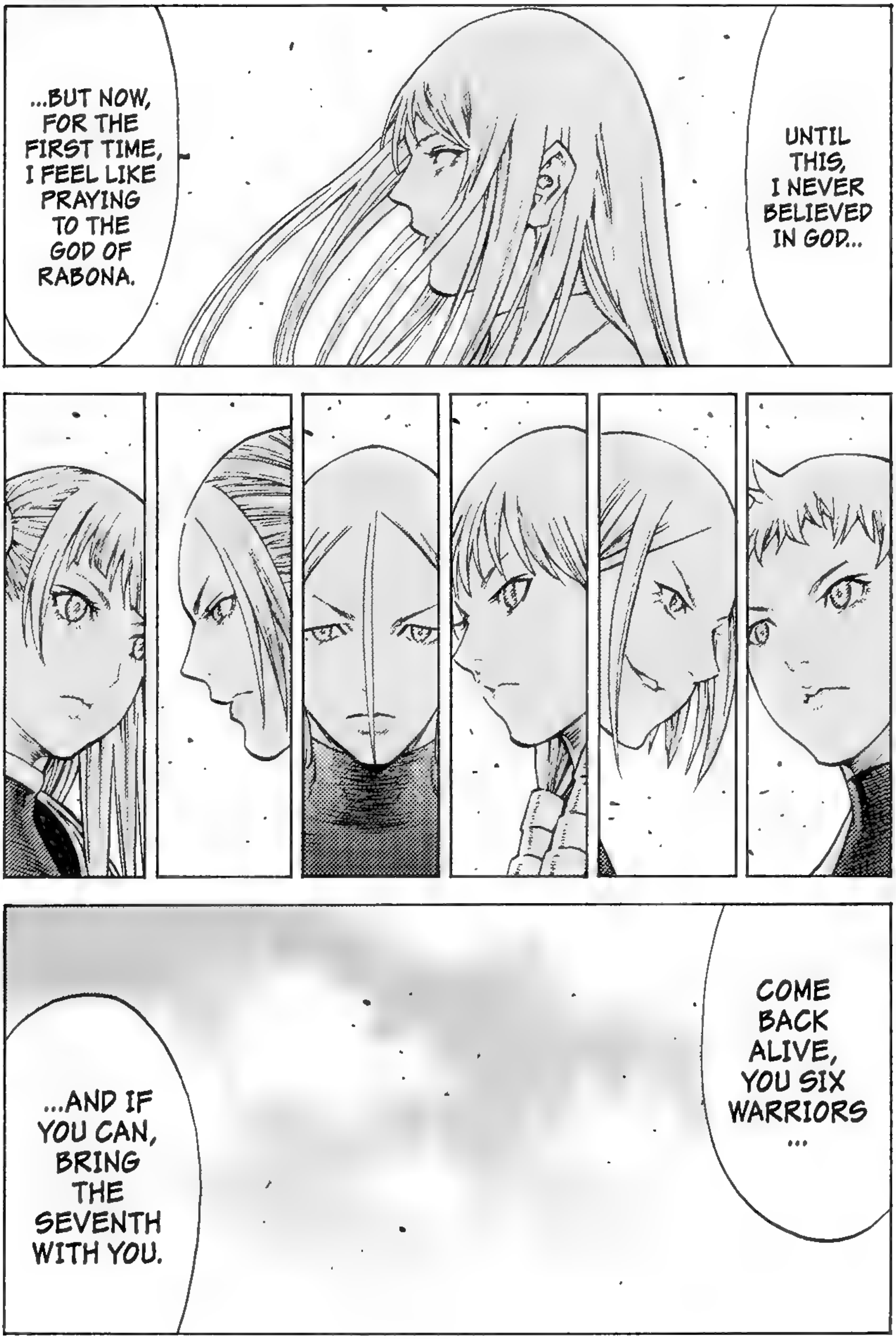
UNTIL THIS, I NEVER BELIEVED IN GOD...
...BUT NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, I FEEL LIKE PRAYING TO THE GOD OF RABONA.
COME BACK ALIVE, YOU SIX WARRIORS...
...AND IF YOU CAN, BRING THE SEVENTH WITH YOU.

SCENE 110: REMAINS OF THE DEMON CLAW, PART 1

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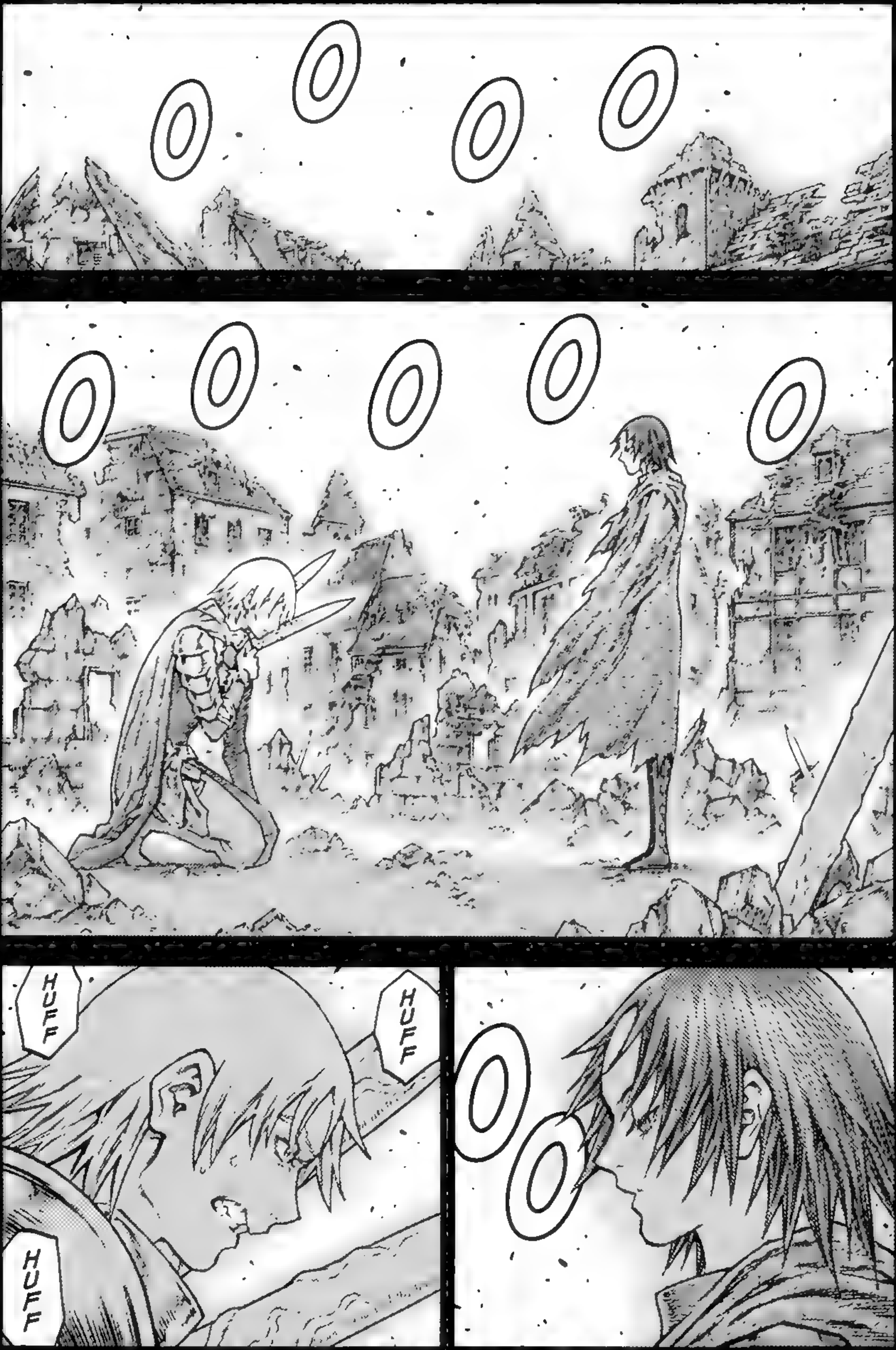
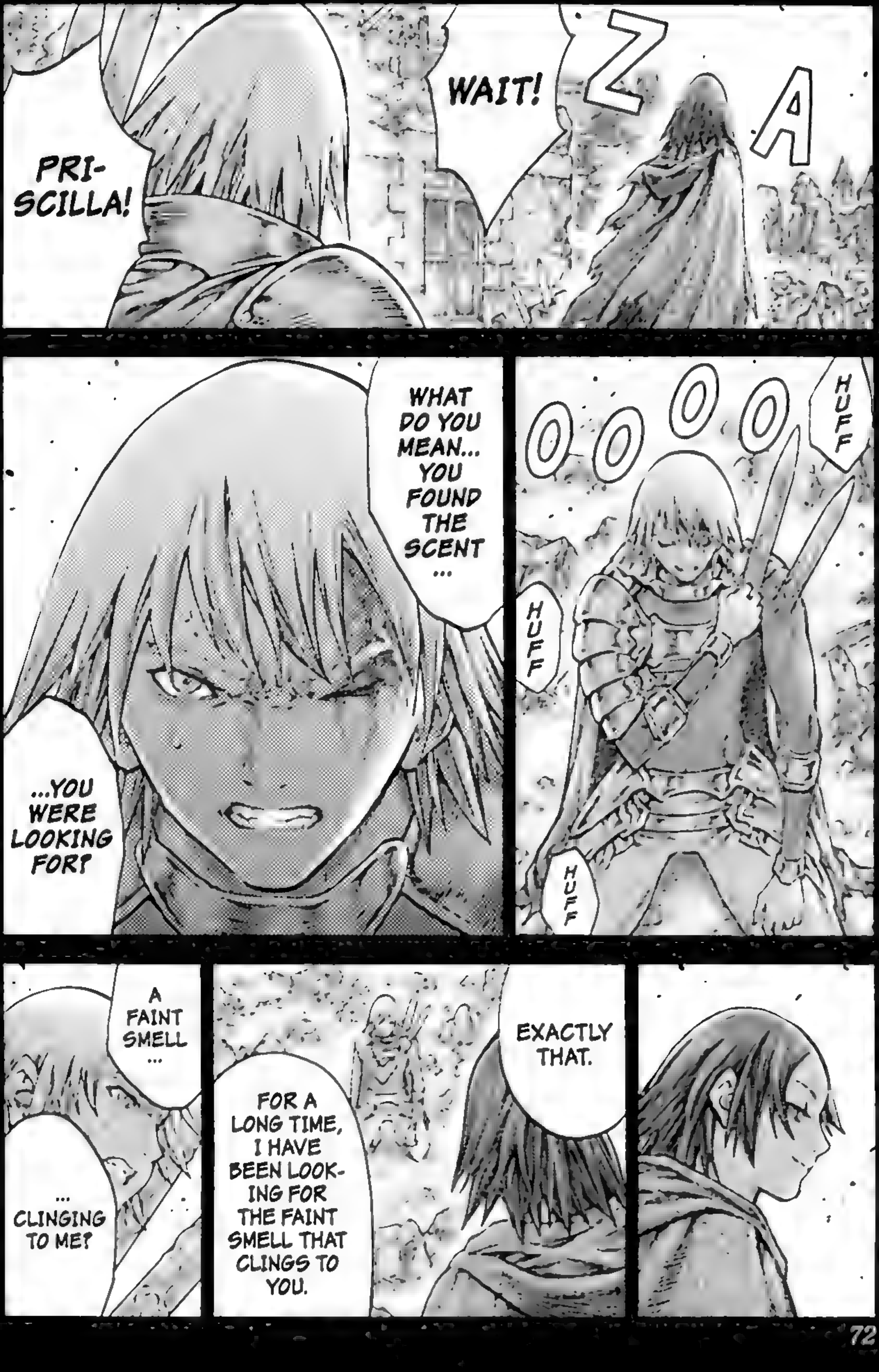

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


ZA
WAIT!
PRI-SCILLA!
HUFF
OOOOO
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT DO YOU MEAN... YOU FOUND THE SCENT...
...YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?
EXACTLY THAT.
FOR A LONG TIME, I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR THE FAINT SMELL THAT CLINGS TO YOU.
A FAINT SMELL...
...CLINGING TO ME?

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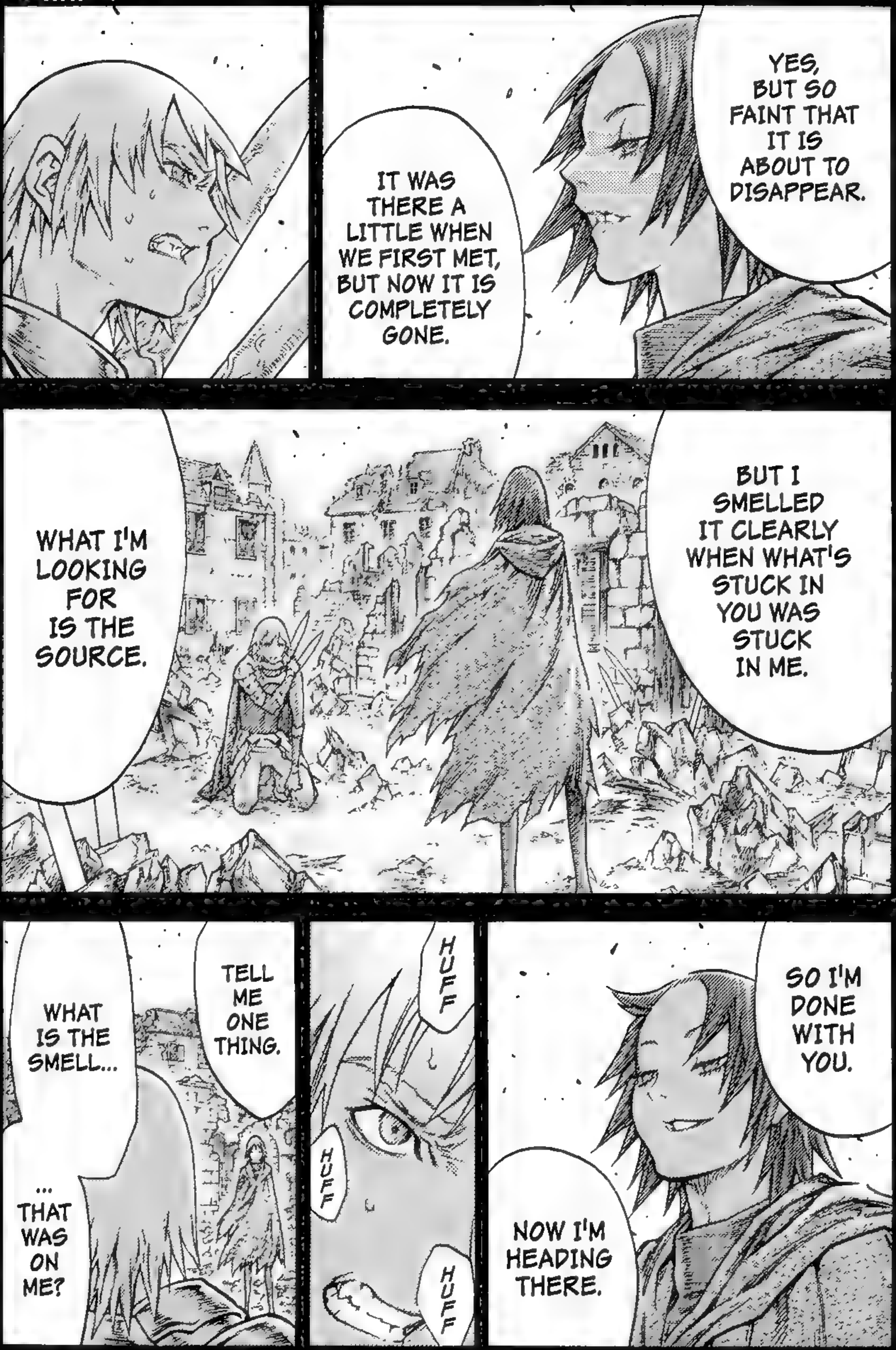
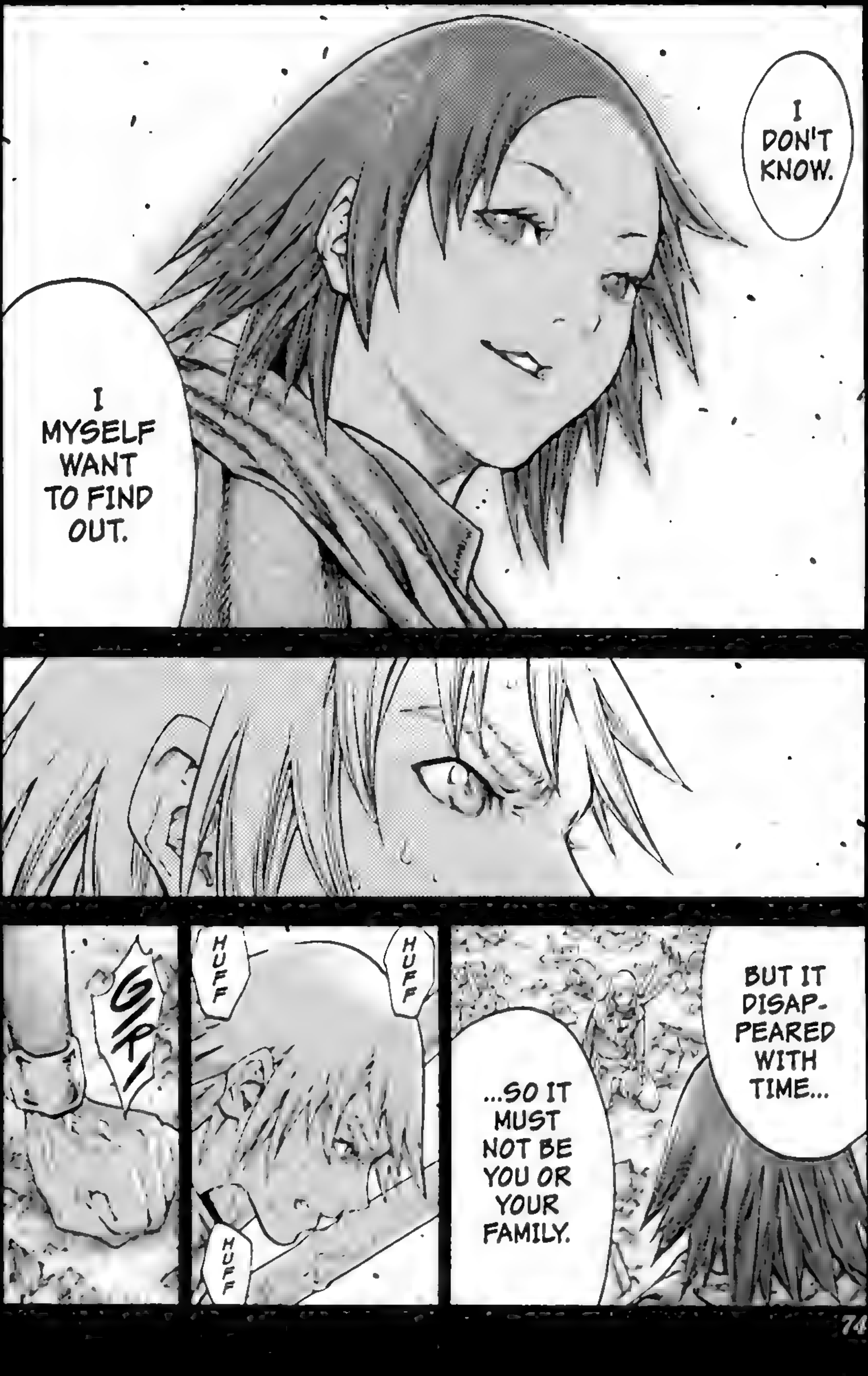
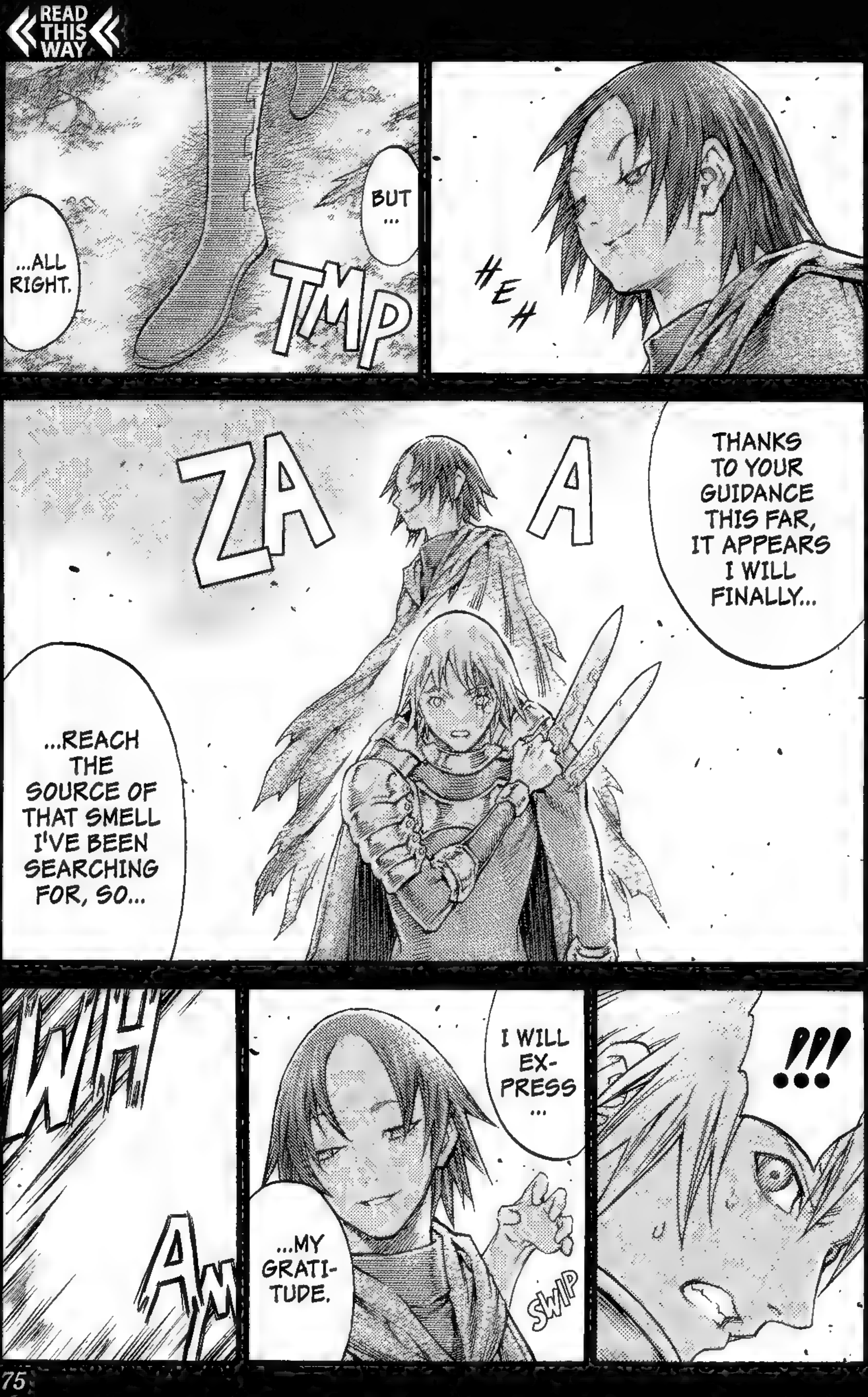
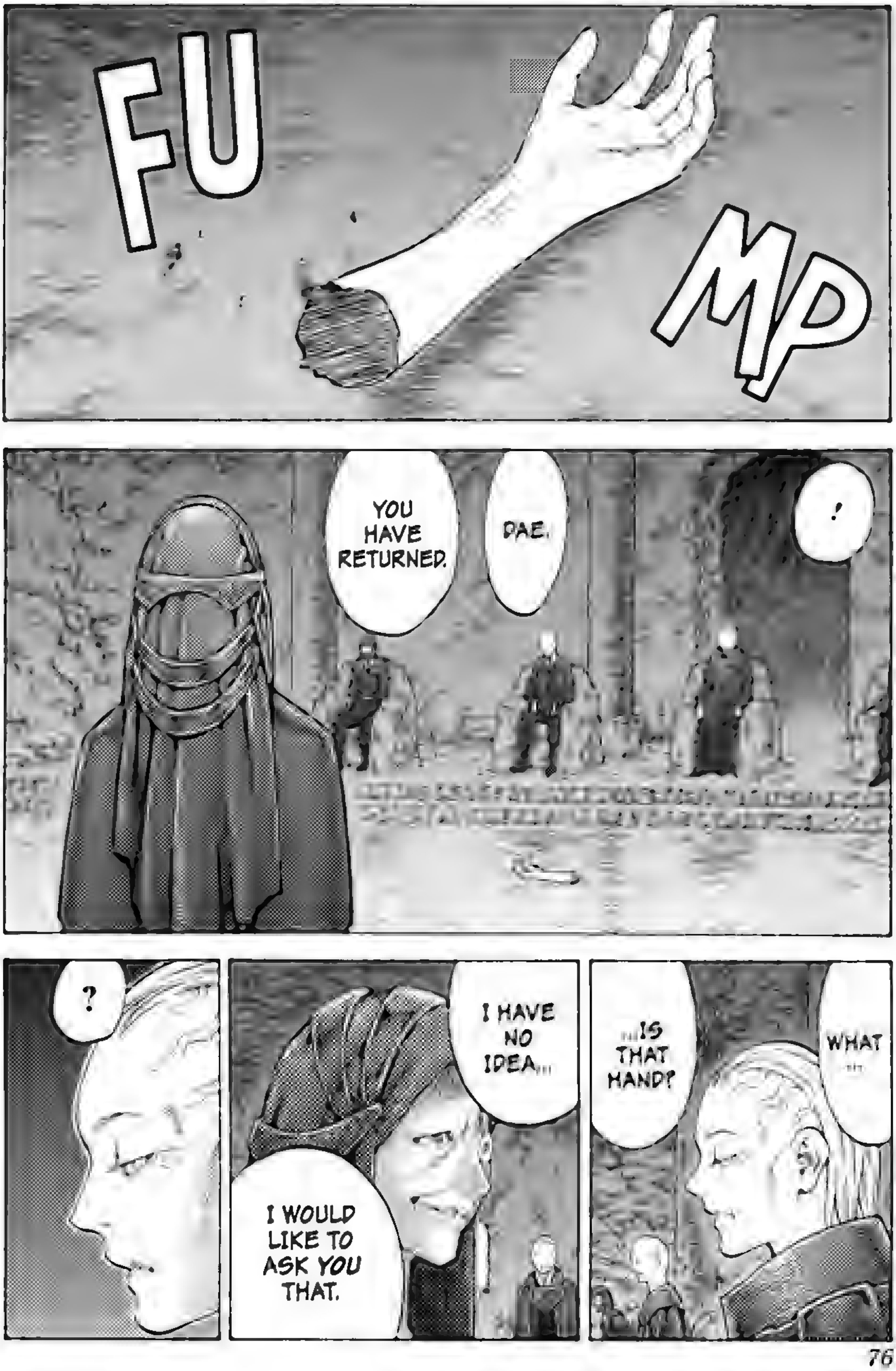

YES, BUT SO FAINT THAT IT IS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR.
IT WAS THERE A LITTLE WHEN WE FIRST MET, BUT NOW IT IS COMPLETELY GONE.
BUT I SMELLED IT CLEARLY WHEN WHAT'S STUCK IN YOU WAS STUCK IN ME.
WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IS THE SOURCE.
SO I'M DONE WITH YOU.
NOW I'M HEADING THERE.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
TELL ME ONE THING.
WHAT IS THE SMELL...
...THAT WAS ON ME?


I DON'T KNOW.
I MYSELF WANT TO FIND OUT.
BUT IT DISAPPEARED WITH TIME...
...SO IT MUST NOT BE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
GRI


READ THIS WAY
HEH
BUT ...
TMP
...ALL RIGHT.
THANKS TO YOUR GUIDANCE THIS FAR, IT APPEARS I WILL FINALLY...
ZAA
...REACH THE SOURCE OF THAT SMELL I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR, SO...
!!!
I WILL EX-PRESS ...
...MY GRATI-TUDE.
SWIP
WHAM


FU
MP
!
DAE.
YOU HAVE RETURNED.
WHAT ...
...IS THAT HAND?
I HAVE NO IDEA...
I WOULD LIKE TO ASK *YOU* THAT.
?

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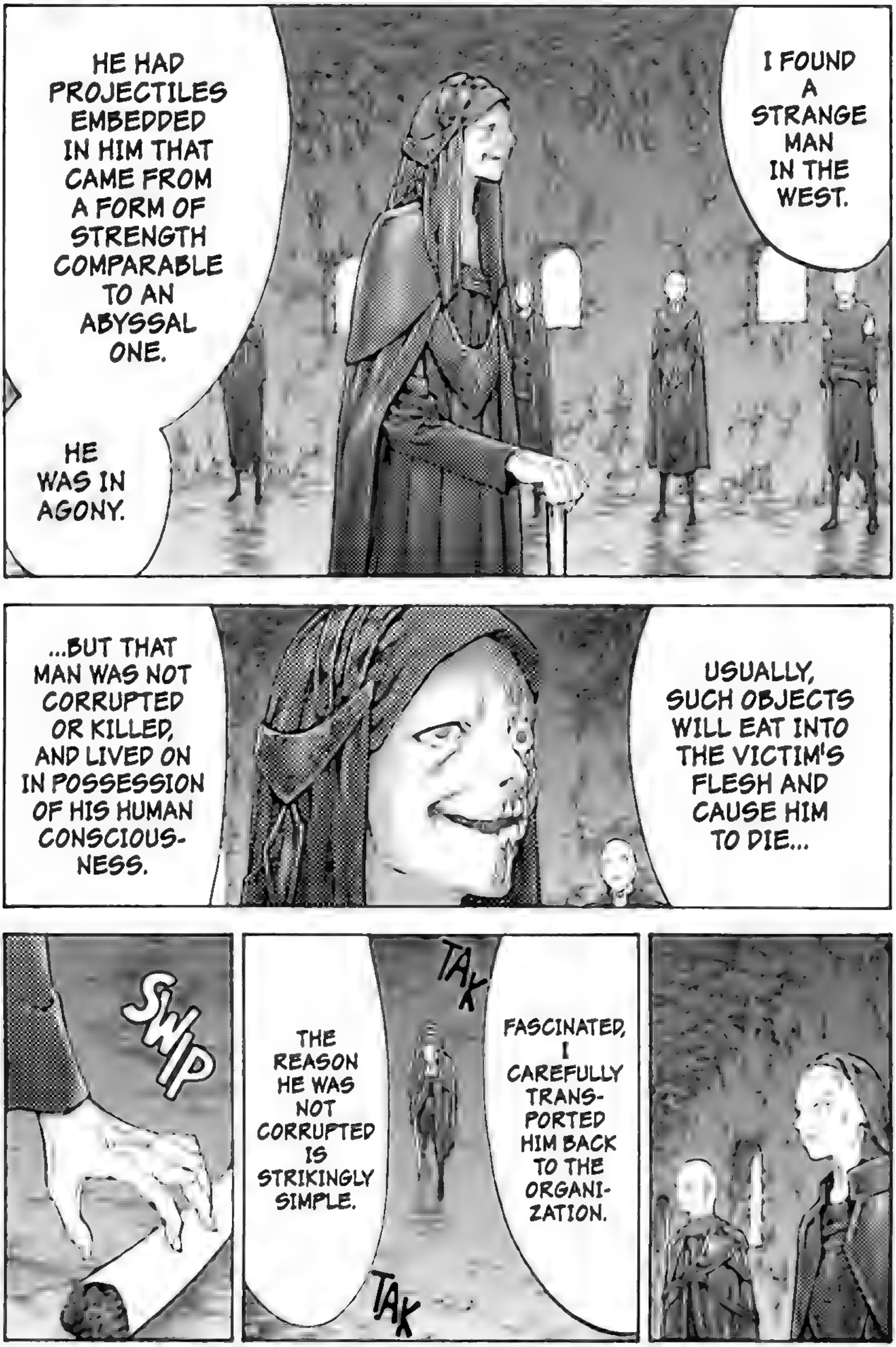
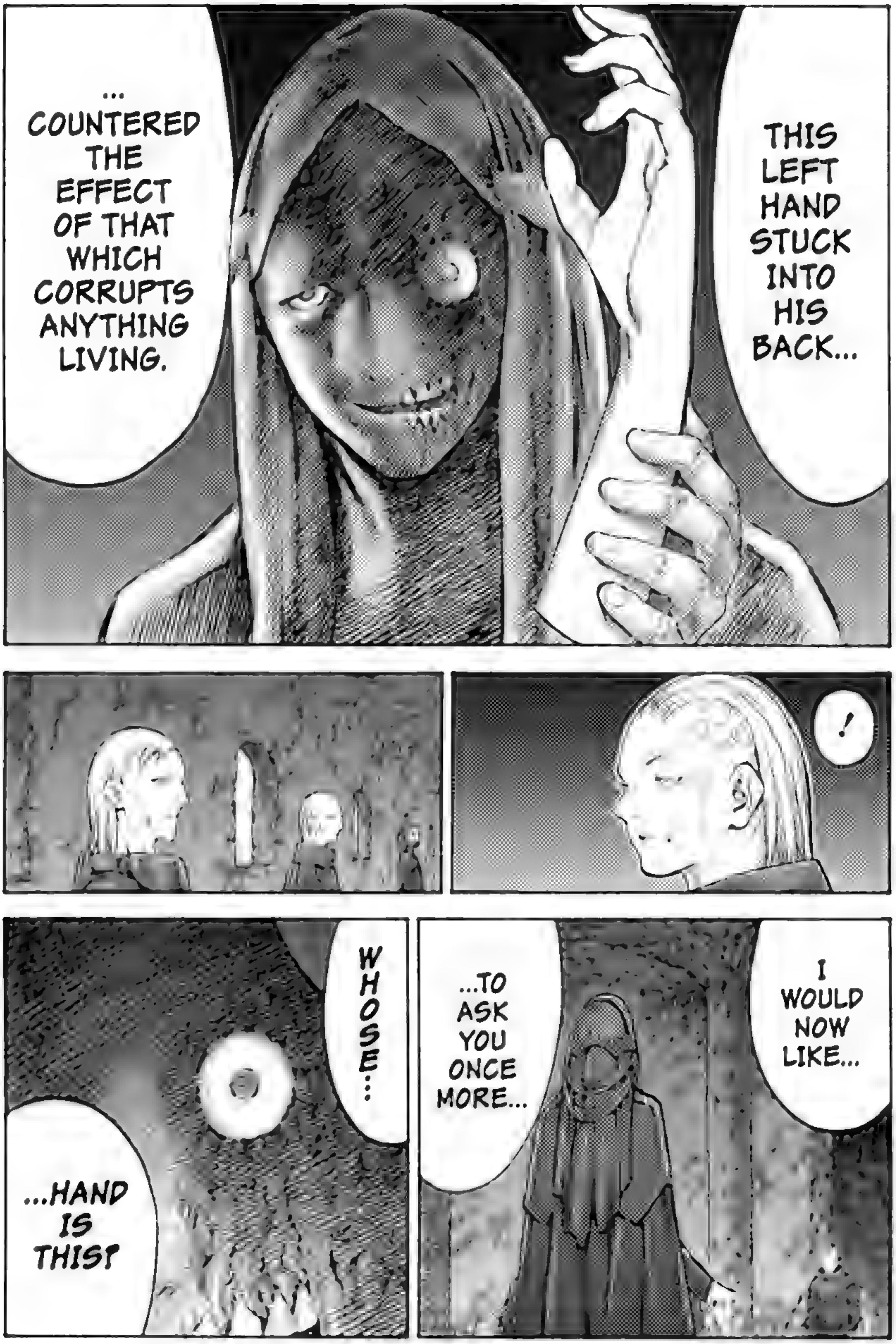

I FOUND A STRANGE MAN IN THE WEST.
HE HAD PROJECTILES EMBEDDED IN HIM THAT CAME FROM A FORM OF STRENGTH COMPARABLE TO AN ABYSSAL ONE.
HE WAS IN AGONY.
USUALLY, SUCH OBJECTS WILL EAT INTO THE VICTIM'S FLESH AND CAUSE HIM TO DIE...
...BUT THAT MAN WAS NOT CORRUPTED OR KILLED, AND LIVED ON IN POSSESSION OF HIS HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS.
TAK
FASCINATED, I CAREFULLY TRANSPORTED HIM BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION.
THE REASON HE WAS NOT CORRUPTED IS STRIKINGLY SIMPLE.
TAK
SWIP


THIS LEFT HAND STUCK INTO HIS BACK...
...COUNTERED THE EFFECT OF THAT WHICH CORRUPTS ANYTHING LIVING.
!
I WOULD NOW LIKE...
...TO ASK YOU ONCE MORE...
WHOSE...
...HAND IS THIS?

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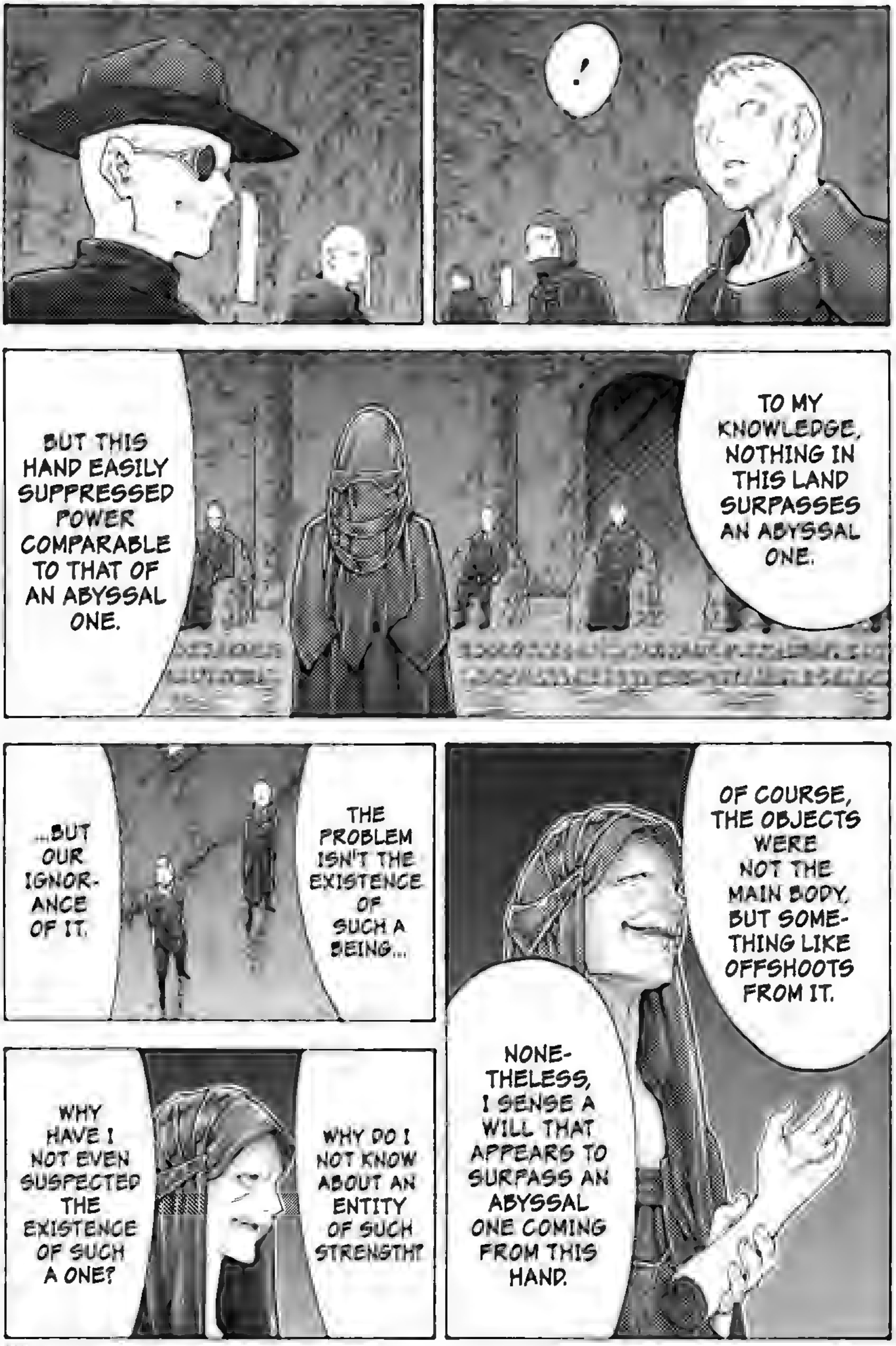
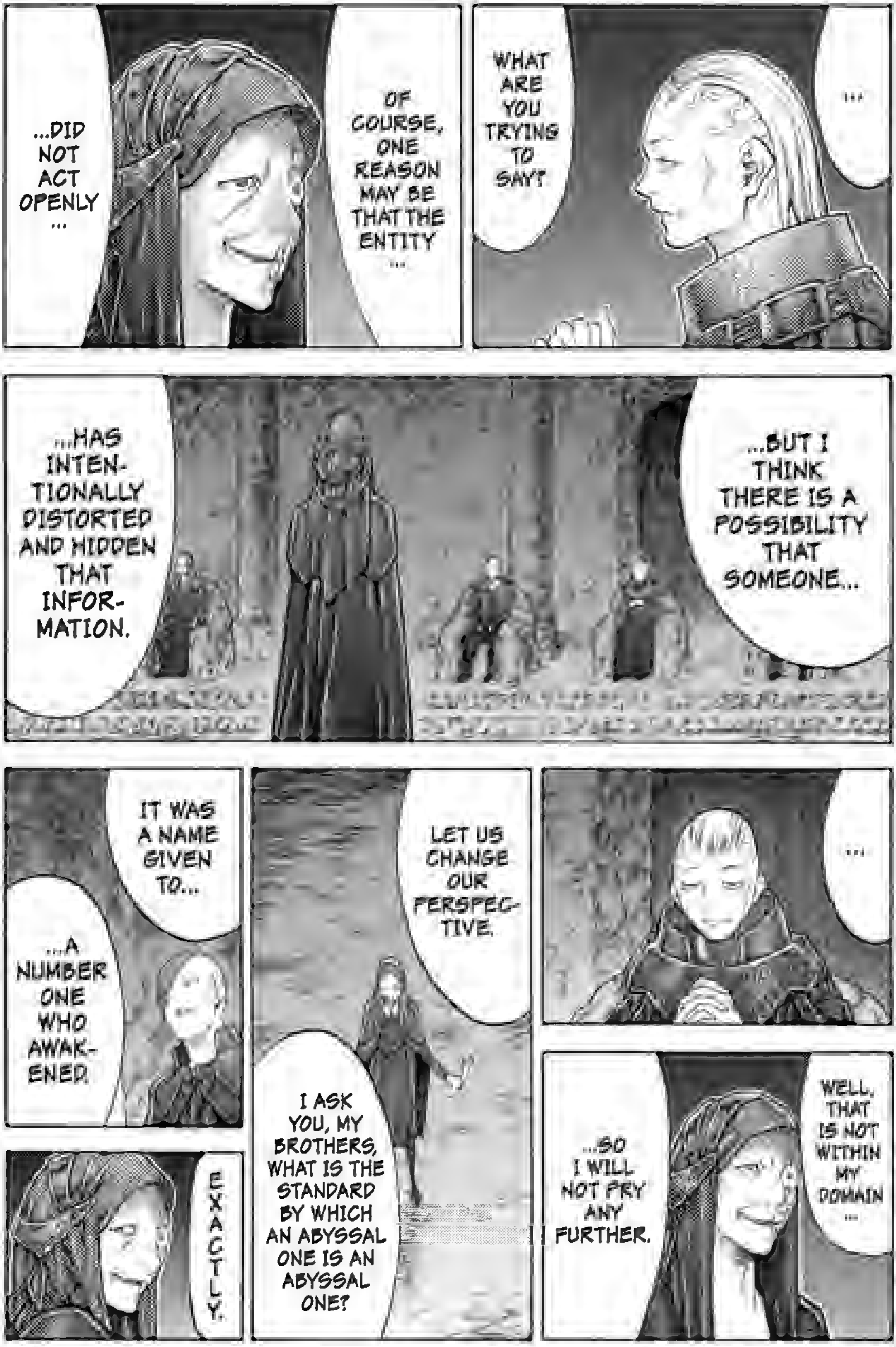
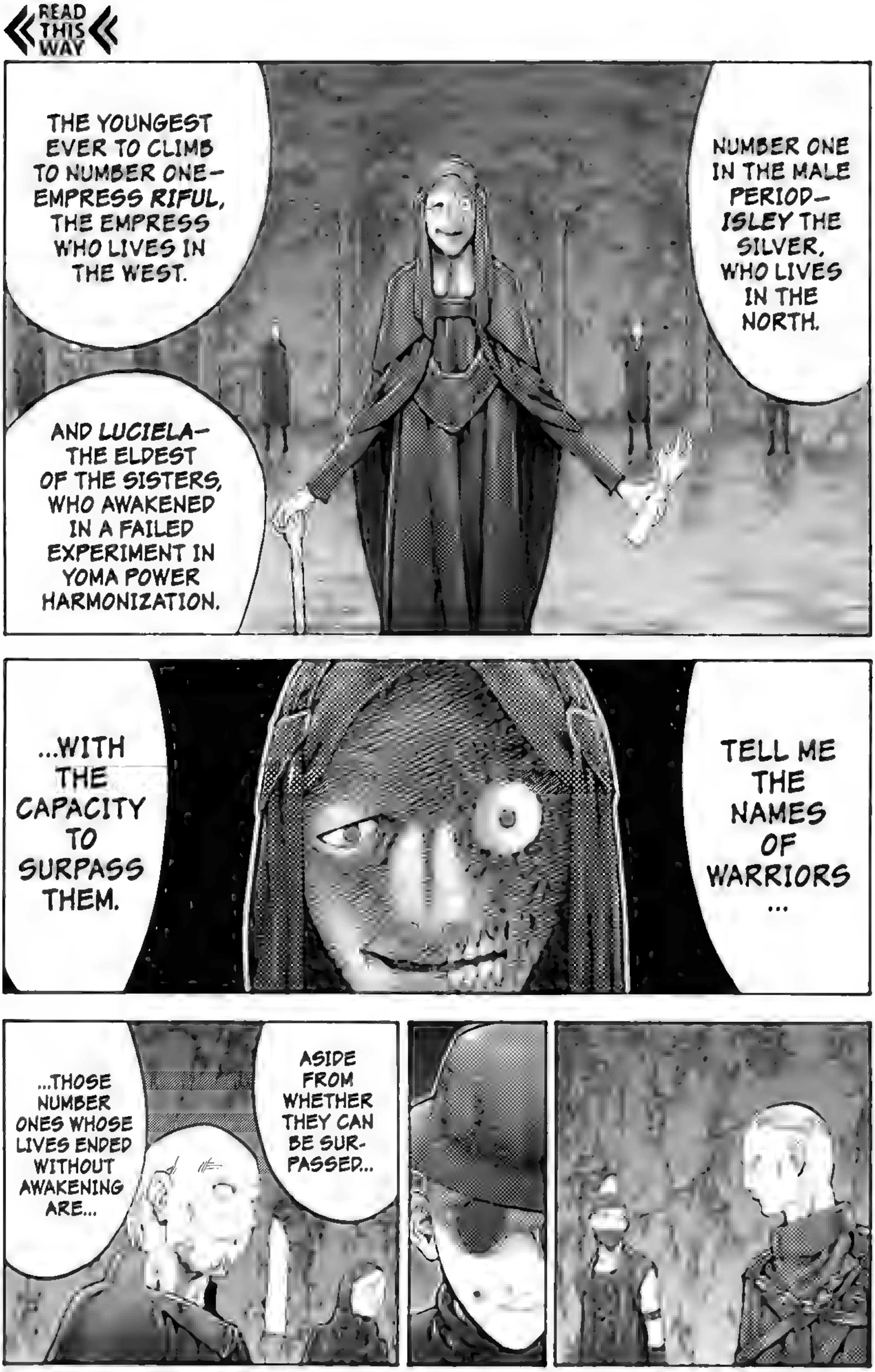
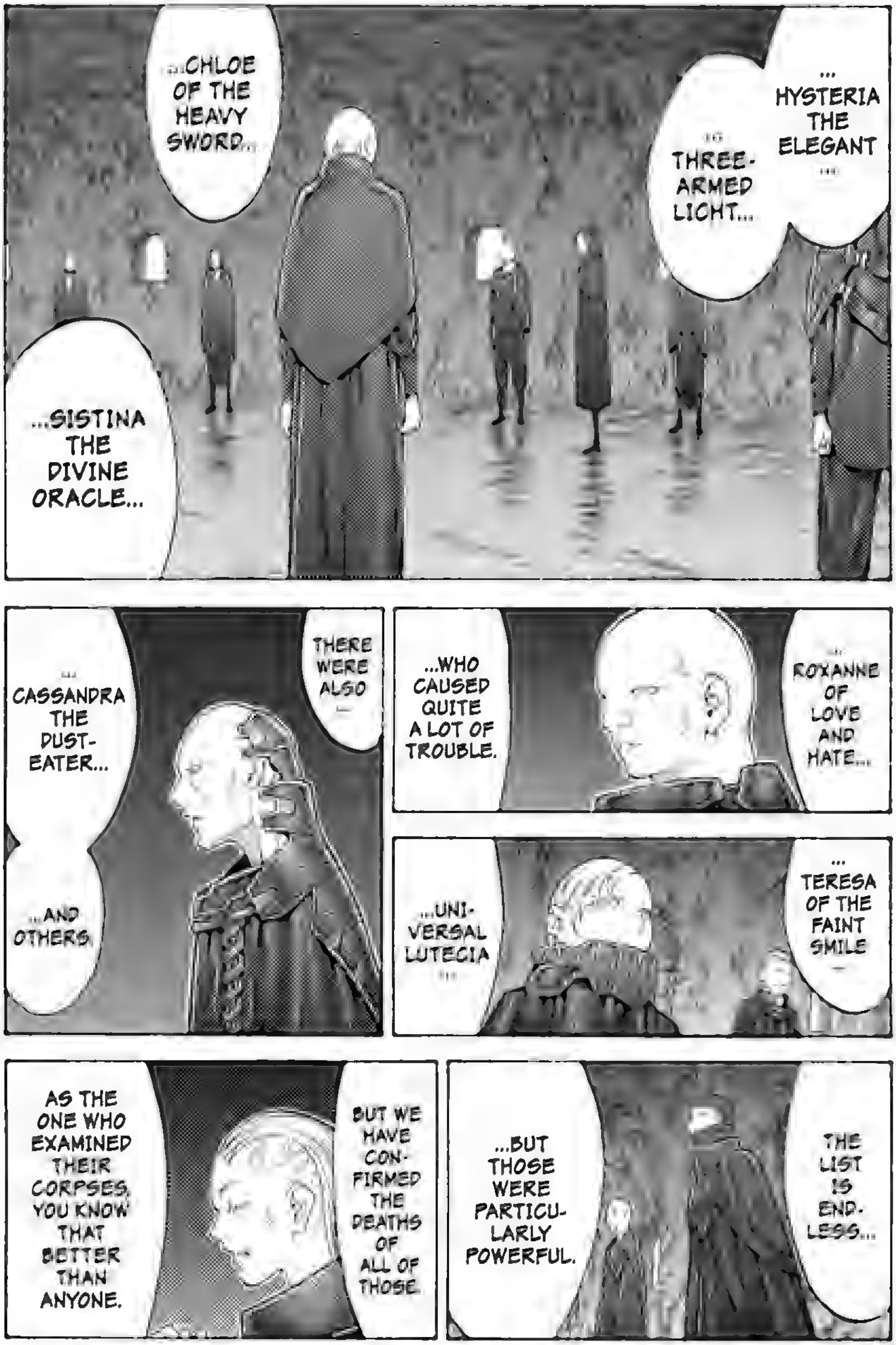
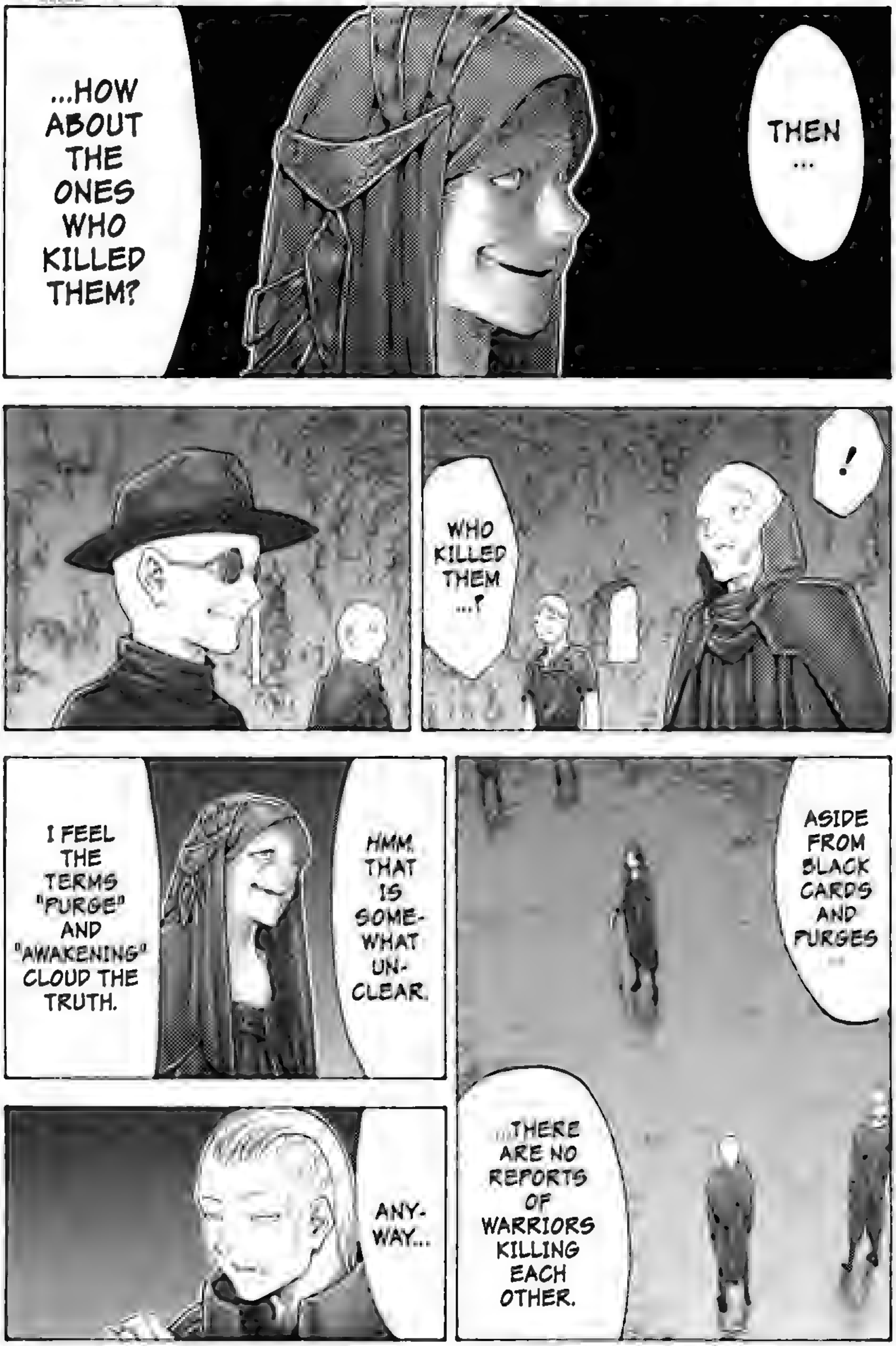
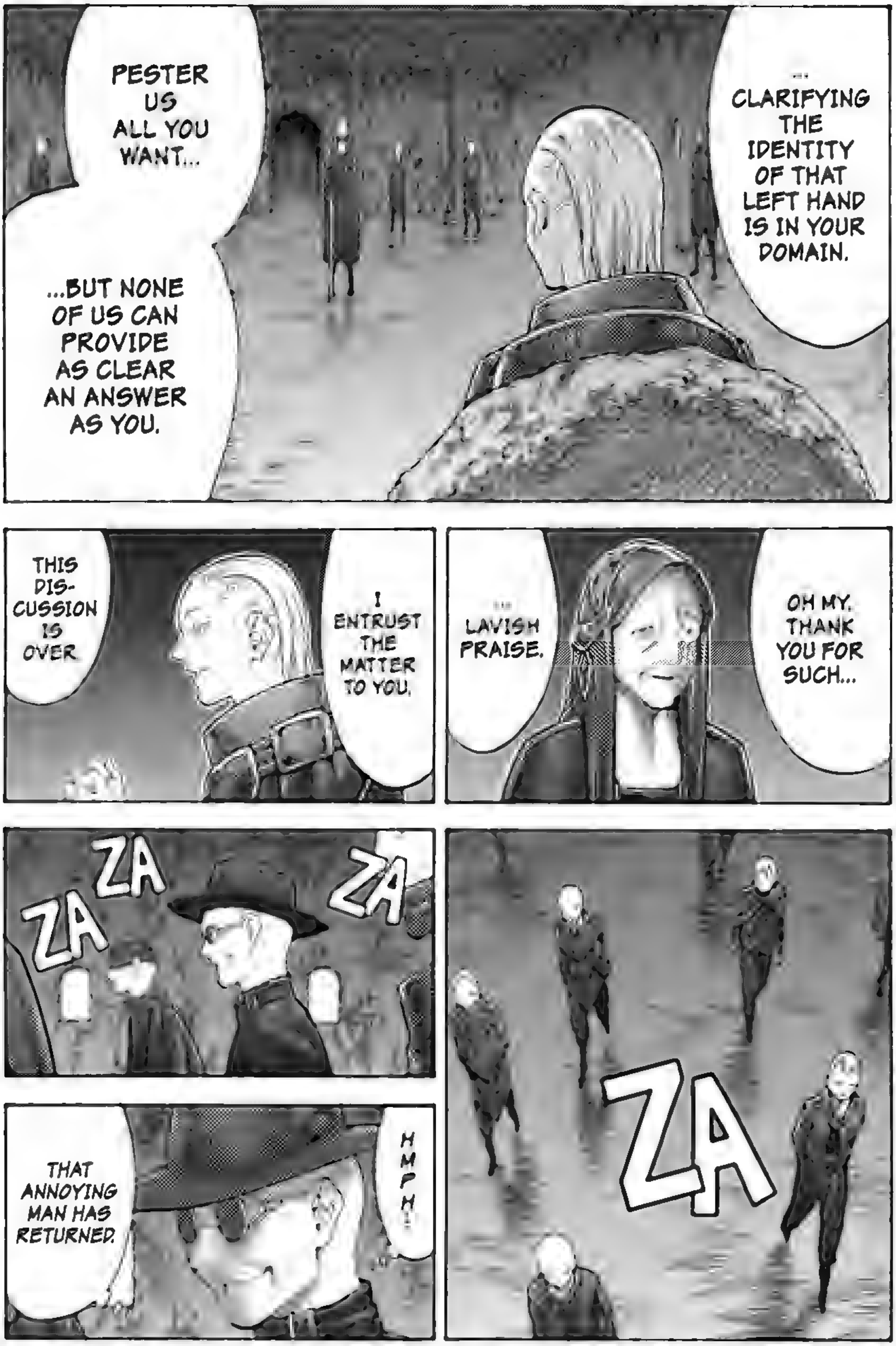

!
TO MY KNOWLEDGE, NOTHING IN THIS LAND SURPASSES AN ABYSSAL ONE.
BUT THIS HAND EASILY SUPPRESSED POWER COMPARABLE TO THAT OF AN ABYSSAL ONE.
OF COURSE, THE OBJECTS WERE NOT THE MAIN BODY, BUT SOMETHING LIKE OFFSHOOTS FROM IT.
NONETHELESS, I SENSE A WILL THAT APPEARS TO SURPASS AN ABYSSAL ONE COMING FROM THIS HAND.
THE PROBLEM ISN'T THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A BEING...
...BUT OUR IGNORANCE OF IT.
WHY DO I NOT KNOW ABOUT AN ENTITY OF SUCH STRENGTH?
WHY HAVE I NOT EVEN SUSPECTED THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A ONE?


...
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
OF COURSE, ONE REASON MAY BE THAT THE ENTITY...
...DID NOT ACT OPENLY...
...BUT I THINK THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT SOMEONE...
...HAS INTENTIONALLY DISTORTED AND HIDDEN THAT INFORMATION.
...
WELL, THAT IS NOT WITHIN MY DOMAIN...
...SO I WILL NOT PRY ANY FURTHER.
LET US CHANGE OUR PERSPECTIVE.
I ASK YOU, MY BROTHERS, WHAT IS THE STANDARD BY WHICH AN ABYSSAL ONE IS AN ABYSSAL ONE?
IT WAS A NAME GIVEN TO...
...A NUMBER ONE WHO AWAKENED.
EXACTLY.


READ THIS WAY
NUMBER ONE IN THE MALE PERIOD— ISLEY THE SILVER, WHO LIVES IN THE NORTH.
THE YOUNGEST EVER TO CLIMB TO NUMBER ONE— EMPRESS RIFUL, THE EMPRESS WHO LIVES IN THE WEST.
AND LUCIELA— THE ELDEST OF THE SISTERS, WHO AWAKENED IN A FAILED EXPERIMENT IN YOMA POWER HARMONIZATION.
TELL ME THE NAMES OF WARRIORS...
...WITH THE CAPACITY TO SURPASS THEM.
ASIDE FROM WHETHER THEY CAN BE SURPASSED...
...THOSE NUMBER ONES WHOSE LIVES ENDED WITHOUT AWAKENING ARE...


...HYSTERIA THE ELEGANT...
...THREE-ARMED LICHT...
...CHLOE OF THE HEAVY SWORD...
...SISTINA THE DIVINE ORACLE...
...ROXANNE OF LOVE AND HATE...
...WHO CAUSED QUITE A LOT OF TROUBLE.
...TERESA OF THE FAINT SMILE—
...UNIVERSAL LUTECIA...
THERE WERE ALSO—
...CASSANDRA THE DUST-EATER...
...AND OTHERS.
THE LIST IS ENDLESS...
...BUT THOSE WERE PARTICULARLY POWERFUL.
BUT WE HAVE CONFIRMED THE DEATHS OF ALL OF THOSE.
AS THE ONE WHO EXAMINED THEIR CORPSES, YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE.


THEN ...
...HOW ABOUT THE ONES WHO KILLED THEM?
!
WHO KILLED THEM ...?
ASIDE FROM BLACK CARDS AND PURGES ...
...THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF WARRIORS KILLING EACH OTHER.
HMM. THAT IS SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR.
I FEEL THE TERMS "PURGE" AND "AWAKENING" CLOUD THE TRUTH.
ANYWAY...


...CLARIFYING THE IDENTITY OF THAT LEFT HAND IS IN YOUR DOMAIN.
PESTER US ALL YOU WANT...
...BUT NONE OF US CAN PROVIDE AS CLEAR AN ANSWER AS YOU.
OH MY. THANK YOU FOR SUCH...
...LAVISH PRAISE.
I ENTRUST THE MATTER TO YOU.
THIS DISCUSSION IS OVER.
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
HMPH!
THAT ANNOYING MAN HAS RETURNED.

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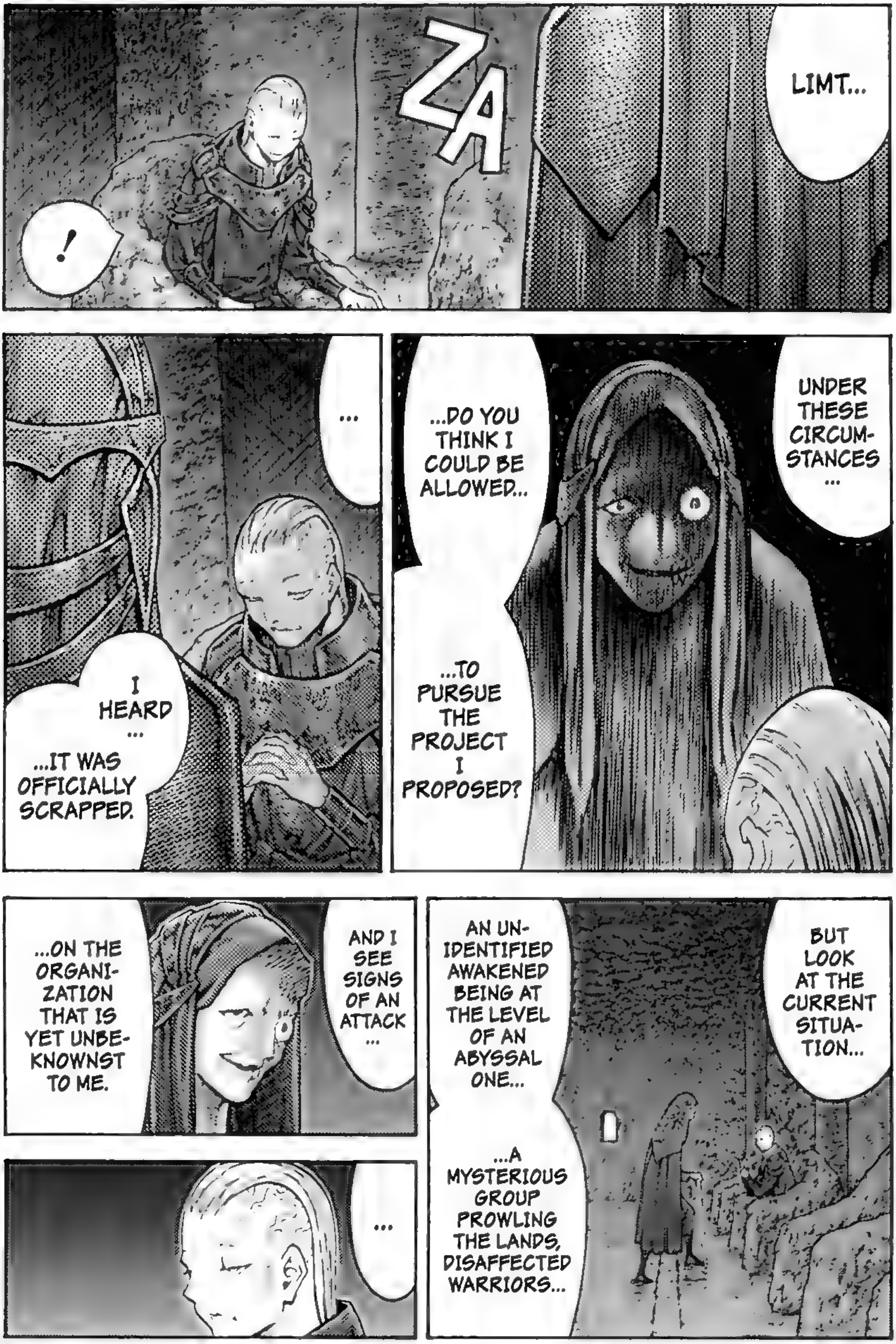
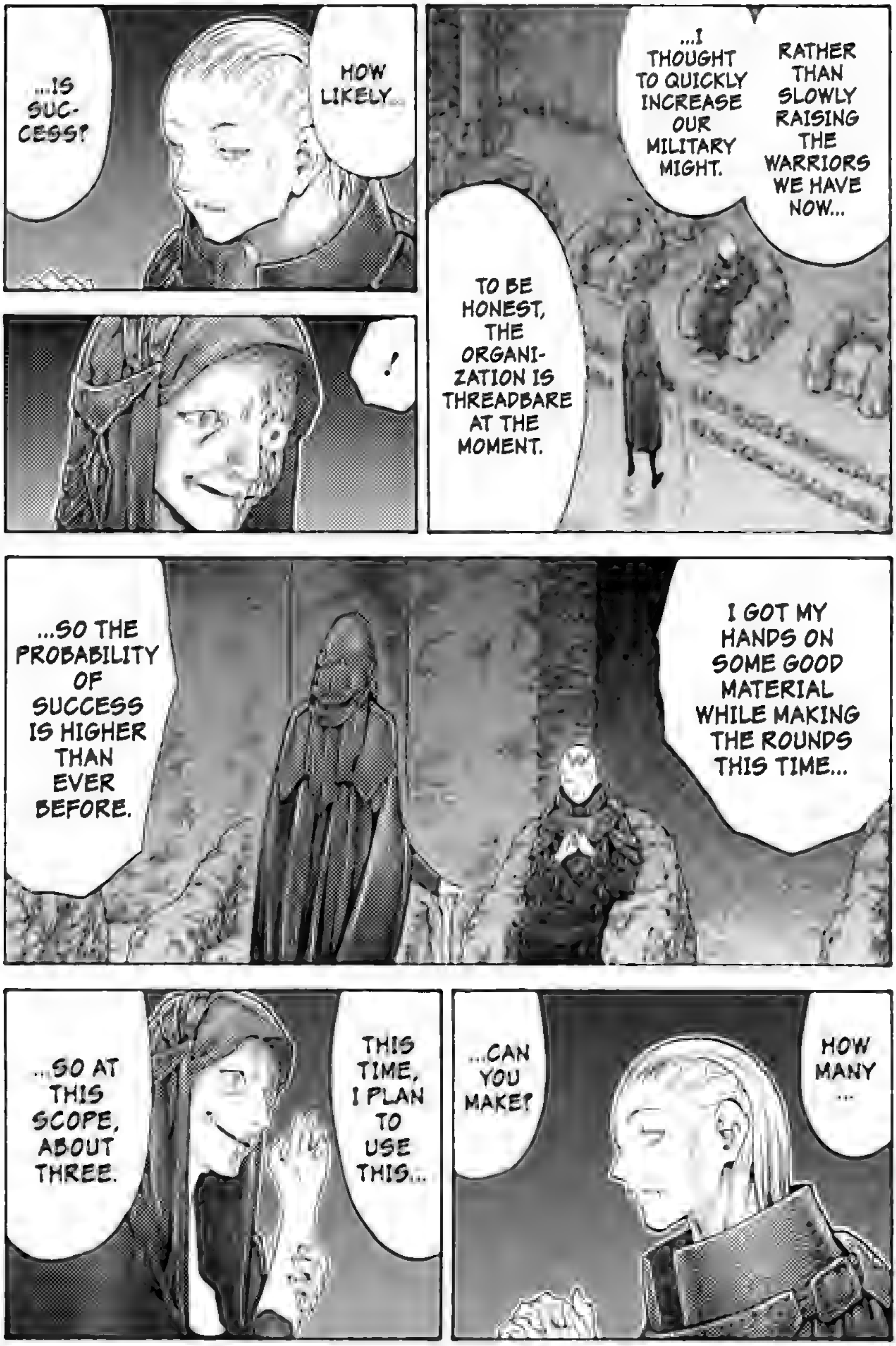

LIMT...
ZA
!
UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES...
...DO YOU THINK I COULD BE ALLOWED...
...TO PURSUE THE PROJECT I PROPOSED?
...
I HEARD... ...IT WAS OFFICIALLY SCRAPPED.
BUT LOOK AT THE CURRENT SITUATION...
AN UNIDENTIFIED AWAKENED BEING AT THE LEVEL OF AN ABYSSAL ONE...
...A MYSTERIOUS GROUP PROWLING THE LANDS, DISAFFECTED WARRIORS...
AND I SEE SIGNS OF AN ATTACK...
...ON THE ORGANIZATION THAT IS YET UNBEKNOWNST TO ME.
...


RATHER THAN SLOWLY RAISING THE WARRIORS WE HAVE NOW...
...I THOUGHT TO QUICKLY INCREASE OUR MILITARY MIGHT.
TO BE HONEST, THE ORGANIZATION IS THREADBARE AT THE MOMENT.
HOW LIKELY...
...IS SUCCESS?
!
I GOT MY HANDS ON SOME GOOD MATERIAL WHILE MAKING THE ROUNDS THIS TIME...
...SO THE PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS IS HIGHER THAN EVER BEFORE.
HOW MANY...
...CAN YOU MAKE?
THIS TIME, I PLAN TO USE THIS...
...SO AT THIS SCOPE, ABOUT THREE.

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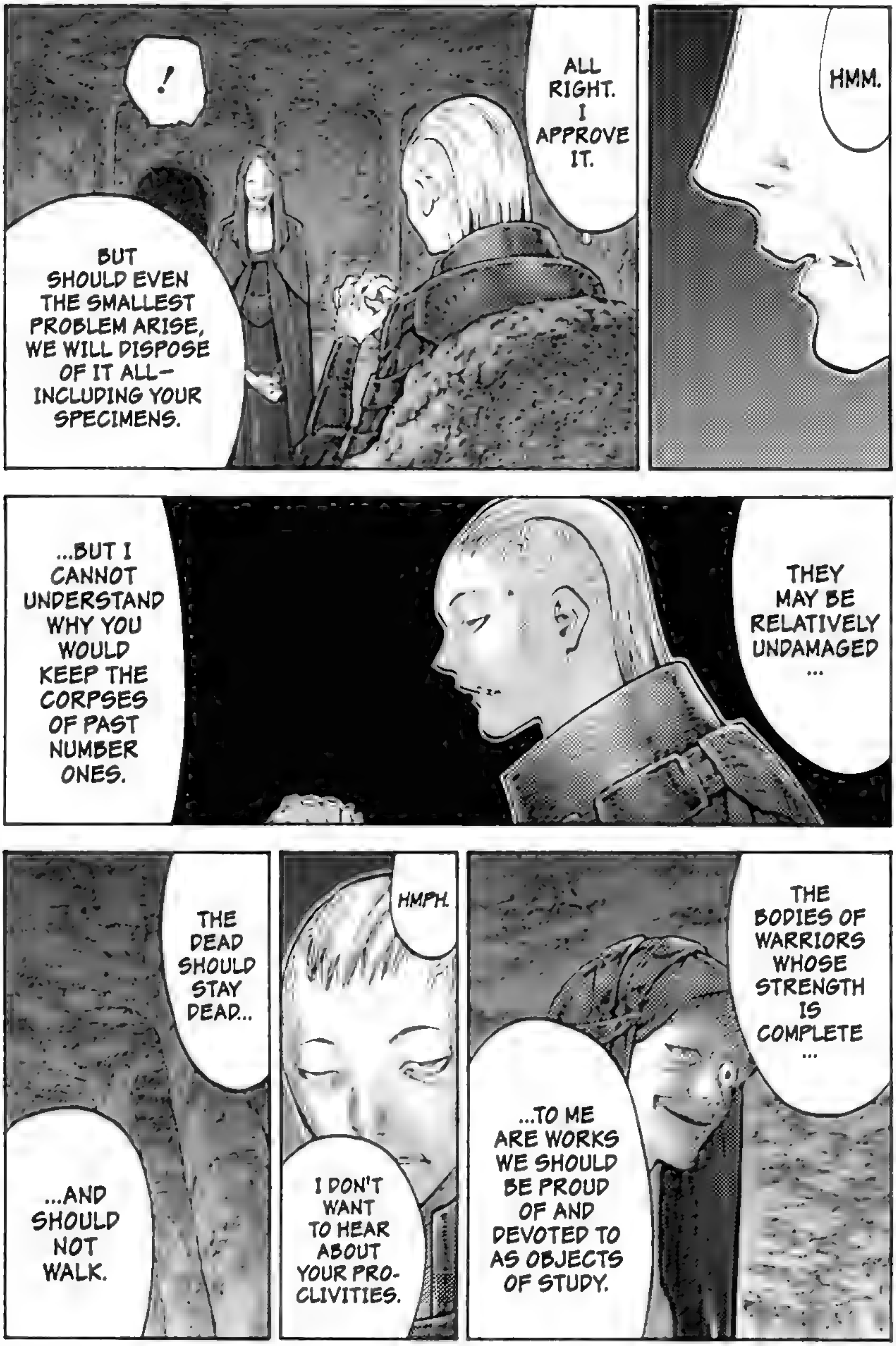
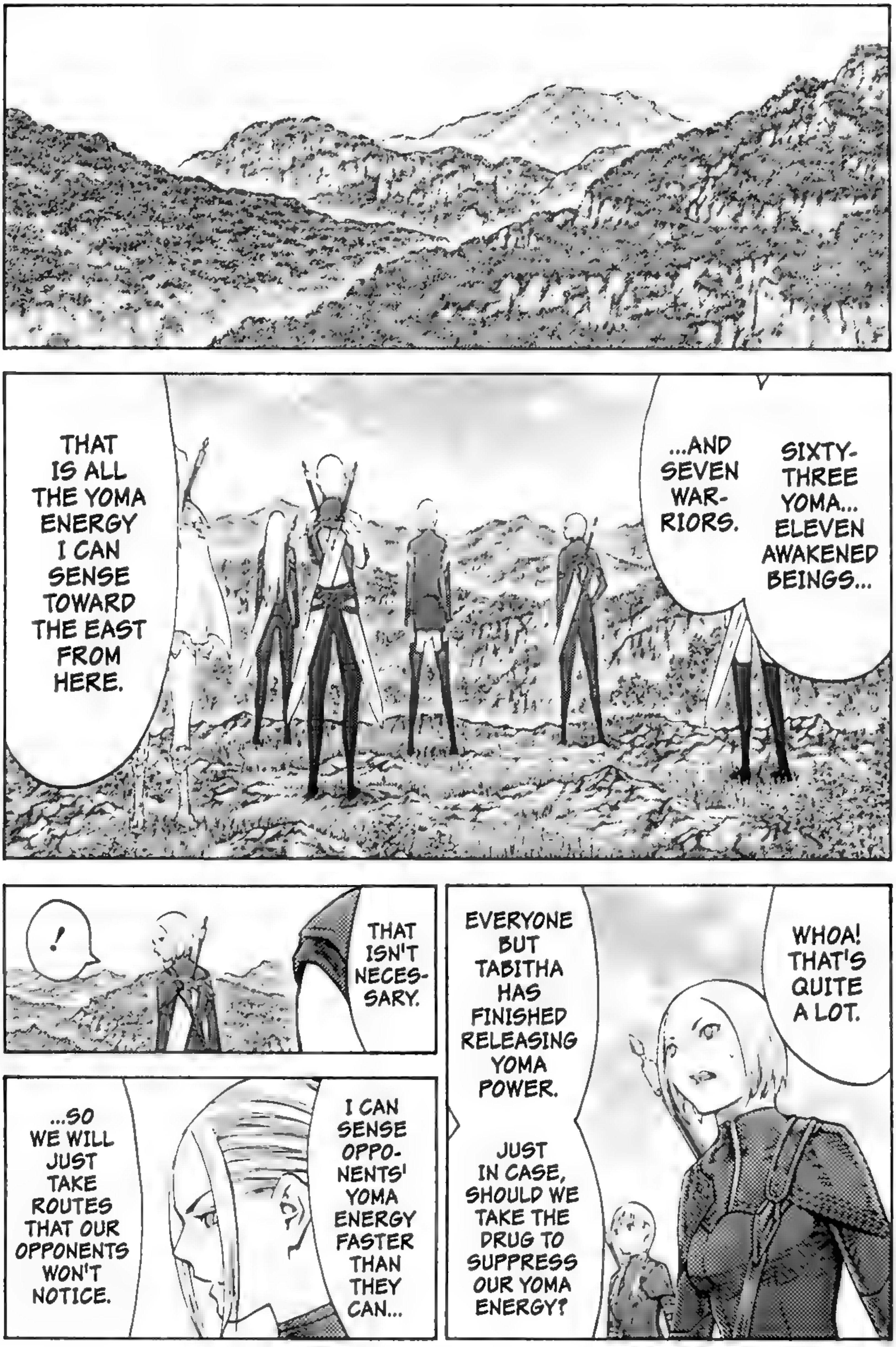

HMM.
ALL RIGHT. I APPROVE IT.
!
BUT SHOULD EVEN THE SMALLEST PROBLEM ARISE, WE WILL DISPOSE OF IT ALL—INCLUDING YOUR SPECIMENS.
THEY MAY BE RELATIVELY UNDAMAGED...
...BUT I CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD KEEP THE CORPSES OF PAST NUMBER ONES.
THE BODIES OF WARRIORS WHOSE STRENGTH IS COMPLETE...
...TO ME ARE WORKS WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF AND DEVOTED TO AS OBJECTS OF STUDY.
HMPH.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR PROCLIVITIES.
THE DEAD SHOULD STAY DEAD...
...AND SHOULD NOT WALK.


SIXTY-THREE YOMA... ELEVEN AWAKENED BEINGS...
...AND SEVEN WARRIORS.
THAT IS ALL THE YOMA ENERGY I CAN SENSE TOWARD THE EAST FROM HERE.
WHOA! THAT'S QUITE A LOT.
EVERYONE BUT TABITHA HAS FINISHED RELEASING YOMA POWER.
JUST IN CASE, SHOULD WE TAKE THE DRUG TO SUPPRESS OUR YOMA ENERGY?
THAT ISN'T NECESSARY.
!
I CAN SENSE OPPONENTS' YOMA ENERGY FASTER THAN THEY CAN...
...SO WE WILL JUST TAKE ROUTES THAT OUR OPPONENTS WON'T NOTICE.

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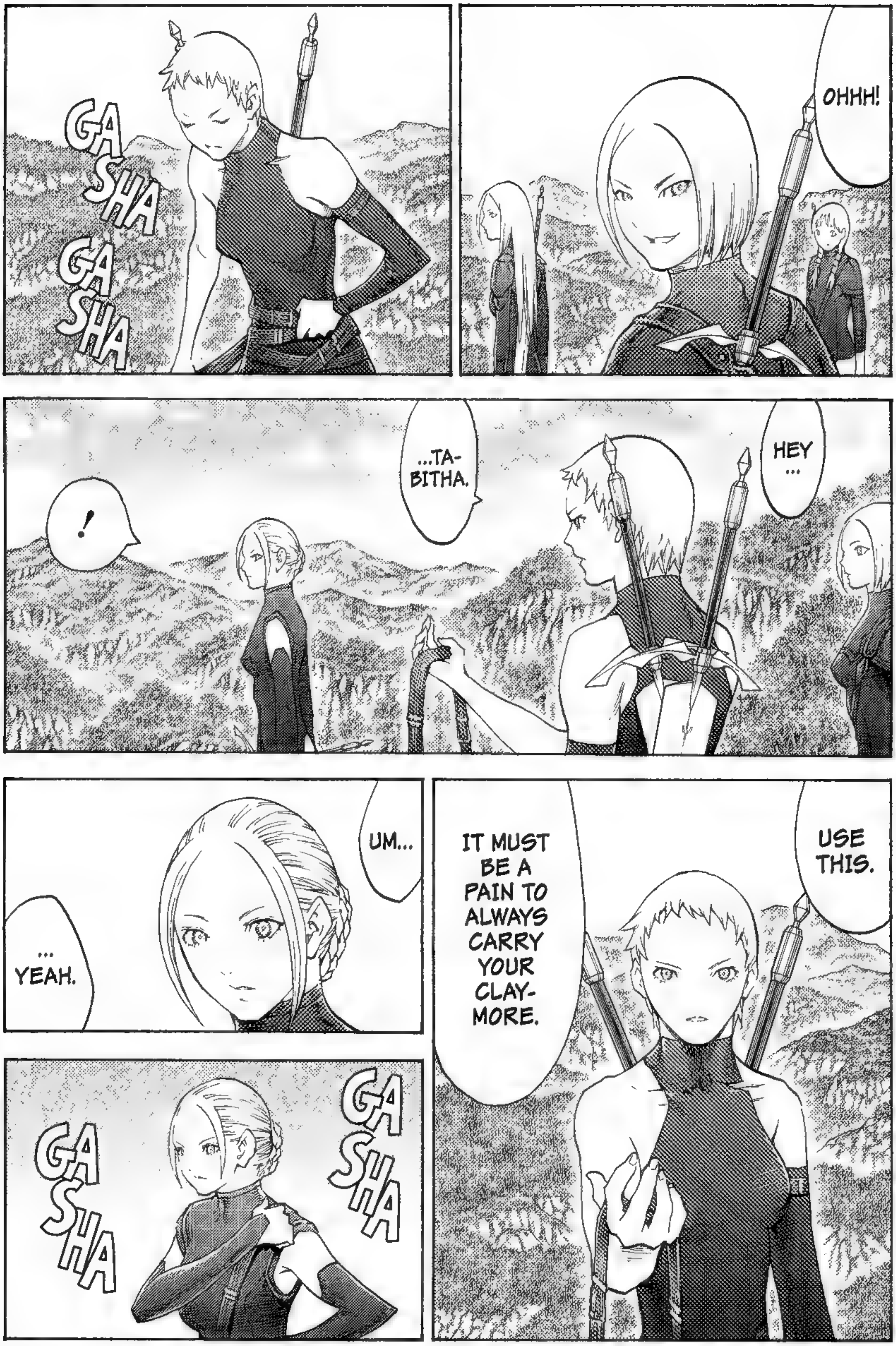
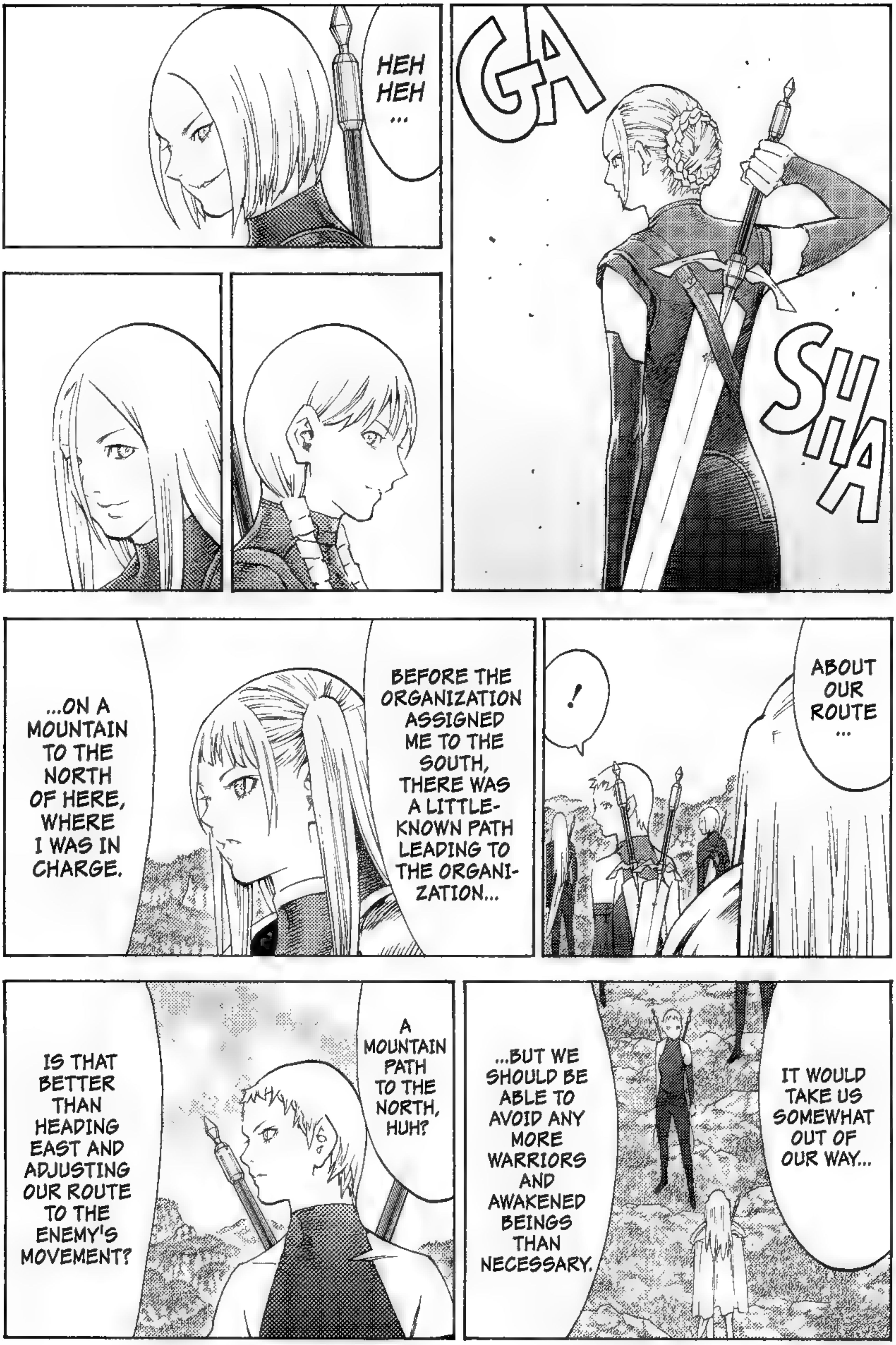
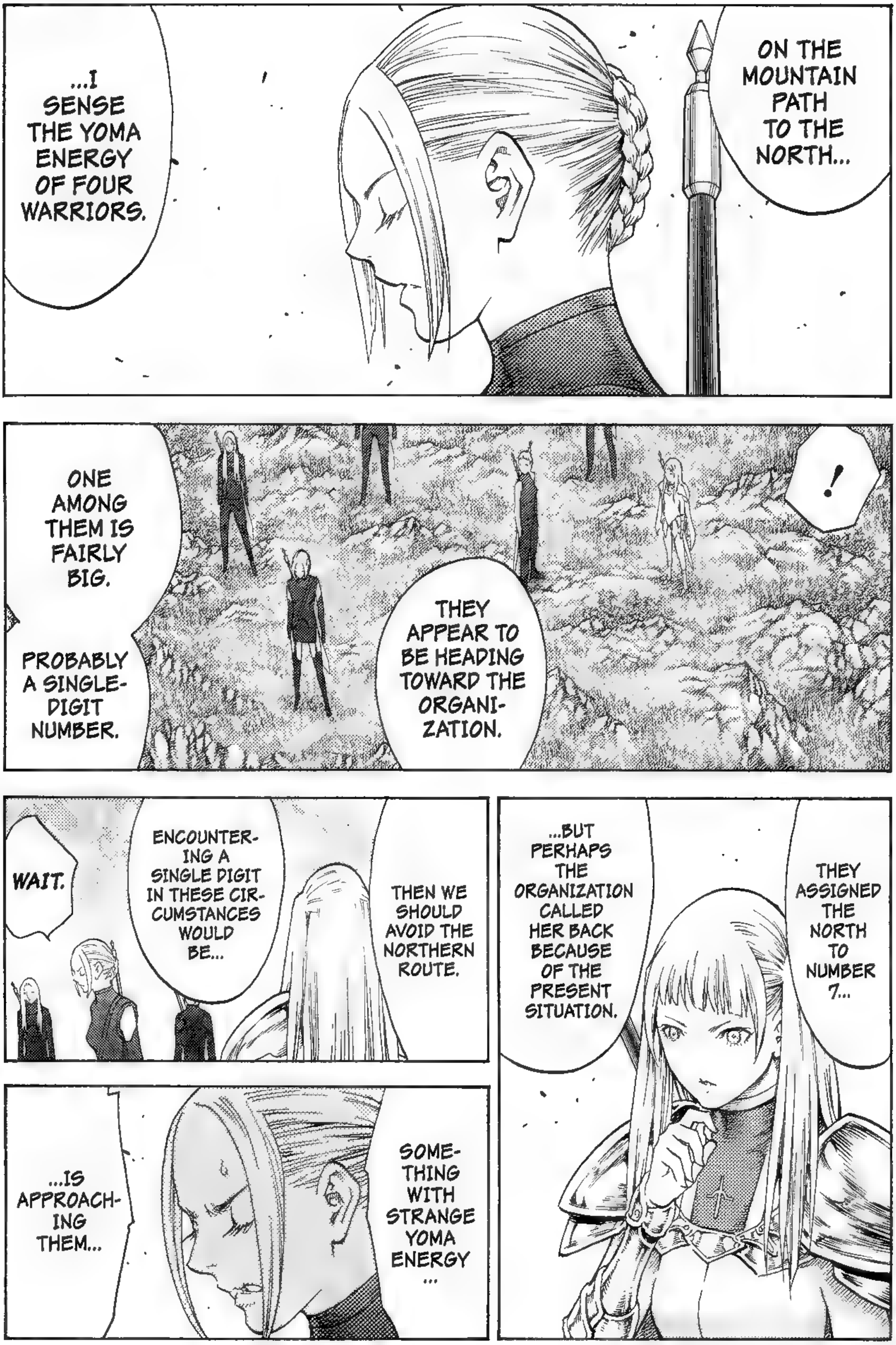
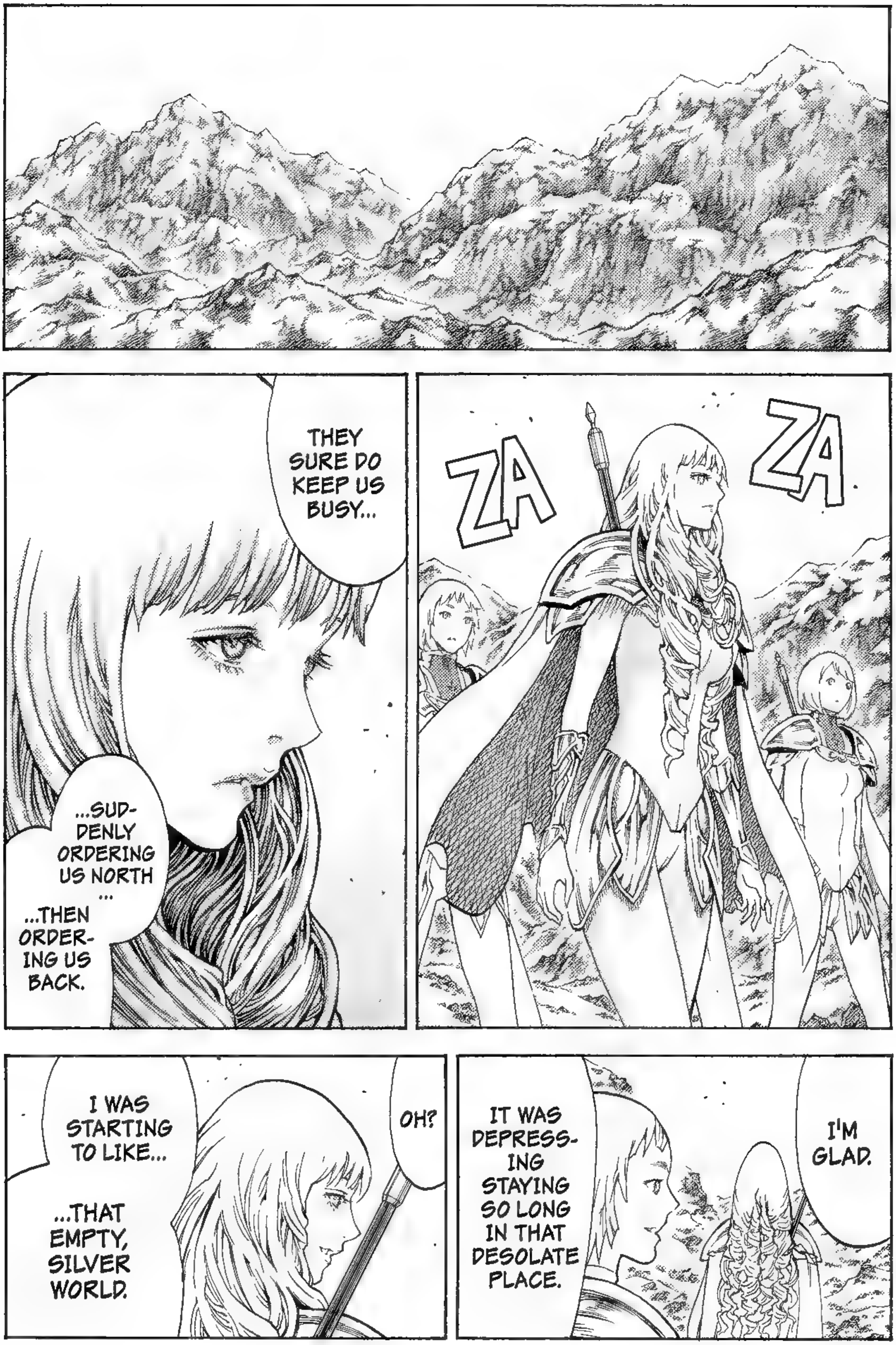

OHHH!
GASHA GASHA
HEY ...
...TABITHA.
!
USE THIS.
IT MUST BE A PAIN TO ALWAYS CARRY YOUR CLAYMORE.
UM...
... YEAH.
GASHA
GASHA

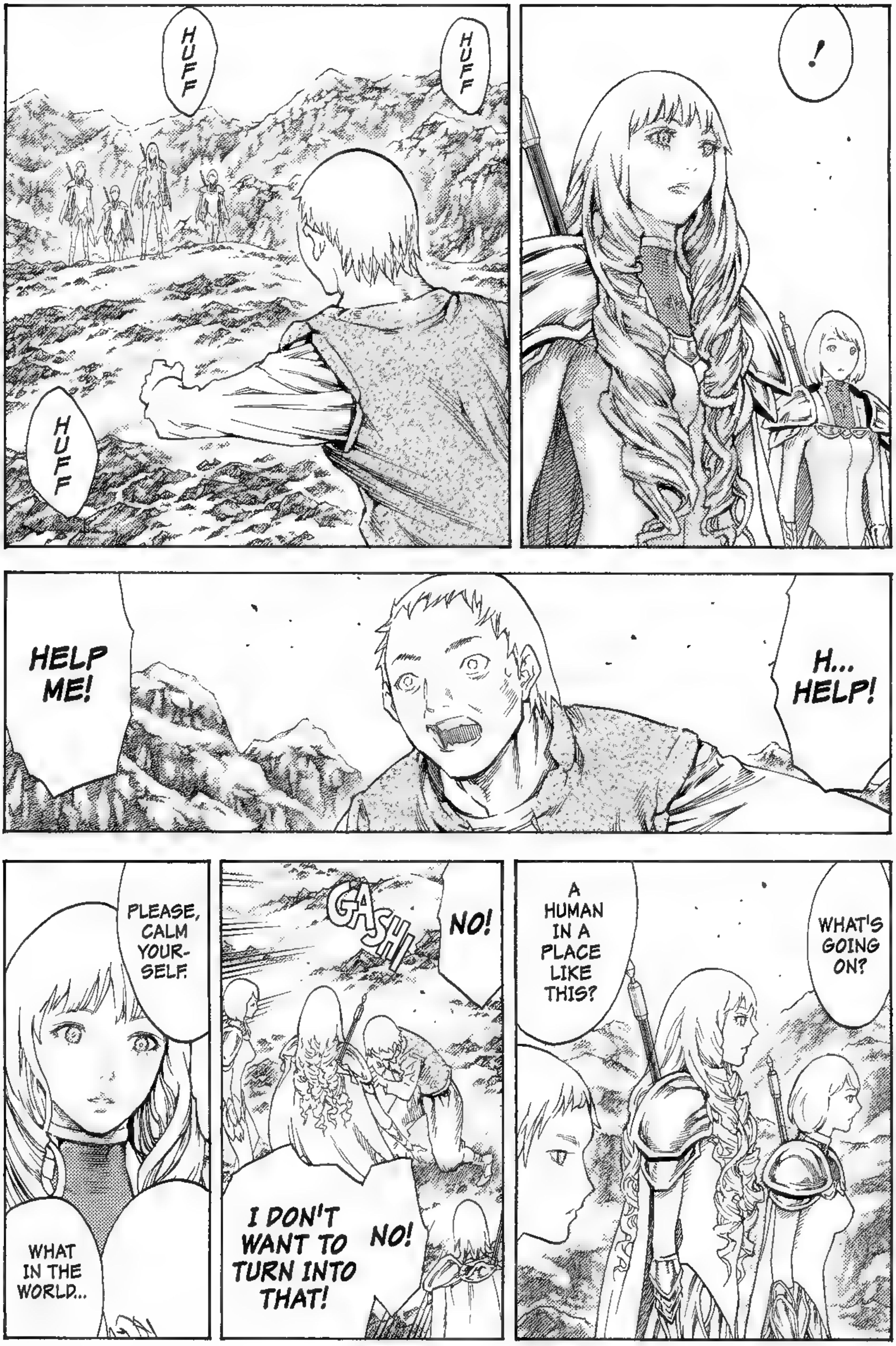

GA
SHA
HEH HEH ...
ABOUT OUR ROUTE ...
!
BEFORE THE ORGANIZATION ASSIGNED ME TO THE SOUTH, THERE WAS A LITTLE-KNOWN PATH LEADING TO THE ORGANIZATION...
...ON A MOUNTAIN TO THE NORTH OF HERE, WHERE I WAS IN CHARGE.
IT WOULD TAKE US SOMEWHAT OUT OF OUR WAY...
...BUT WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO AVOID ANY MORE WARRIORS AND AWAKENED BEINGS THAN NECESSARY.
A MOUNTAIN PATH TO THE NORTH, HUH?
IS THAT BETTER THAN HEADING EAST AND ADJUSTING OUR ROUTE TO THE ENEMY'S MOVEMENT?

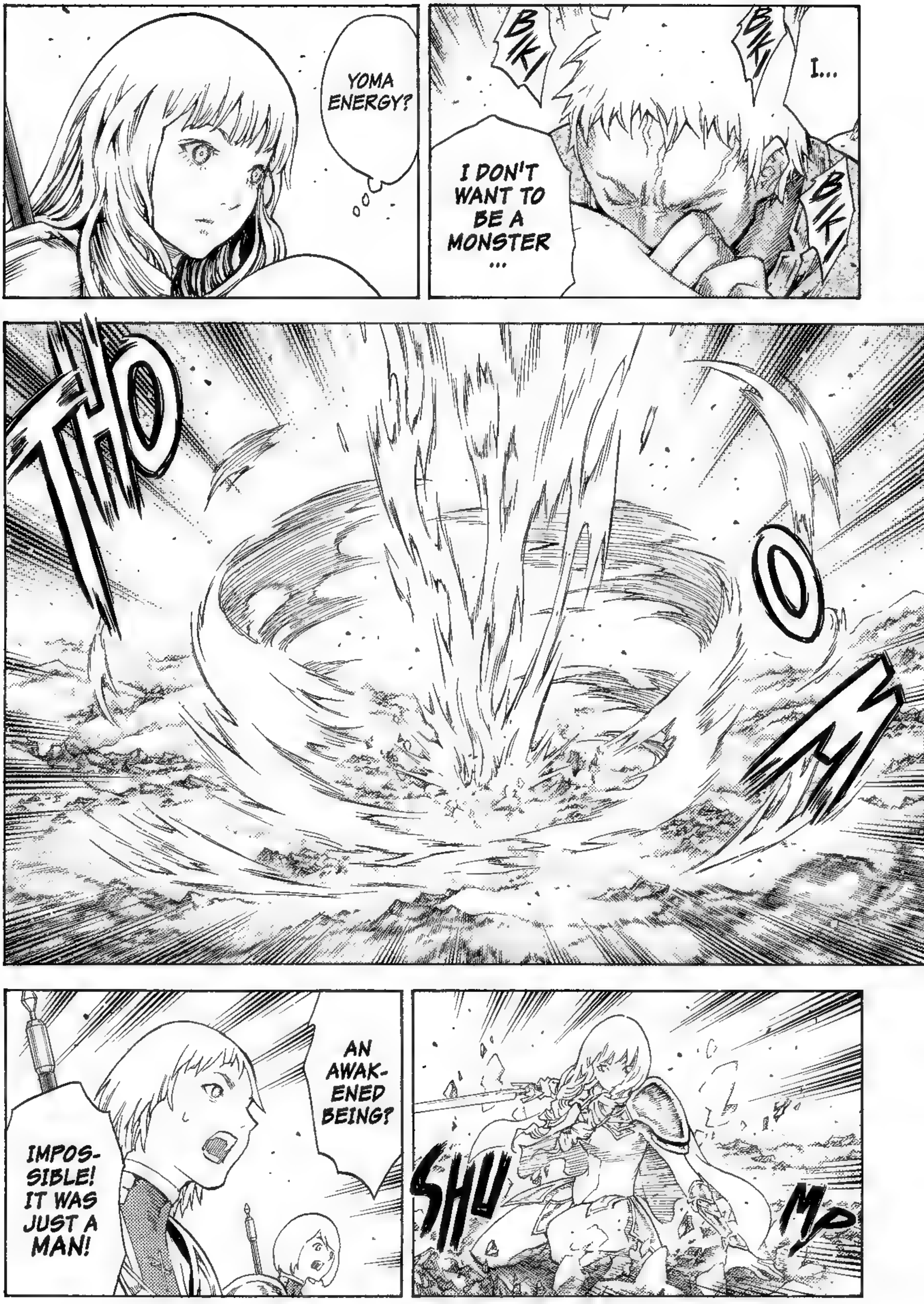
« READ THIS WAY «

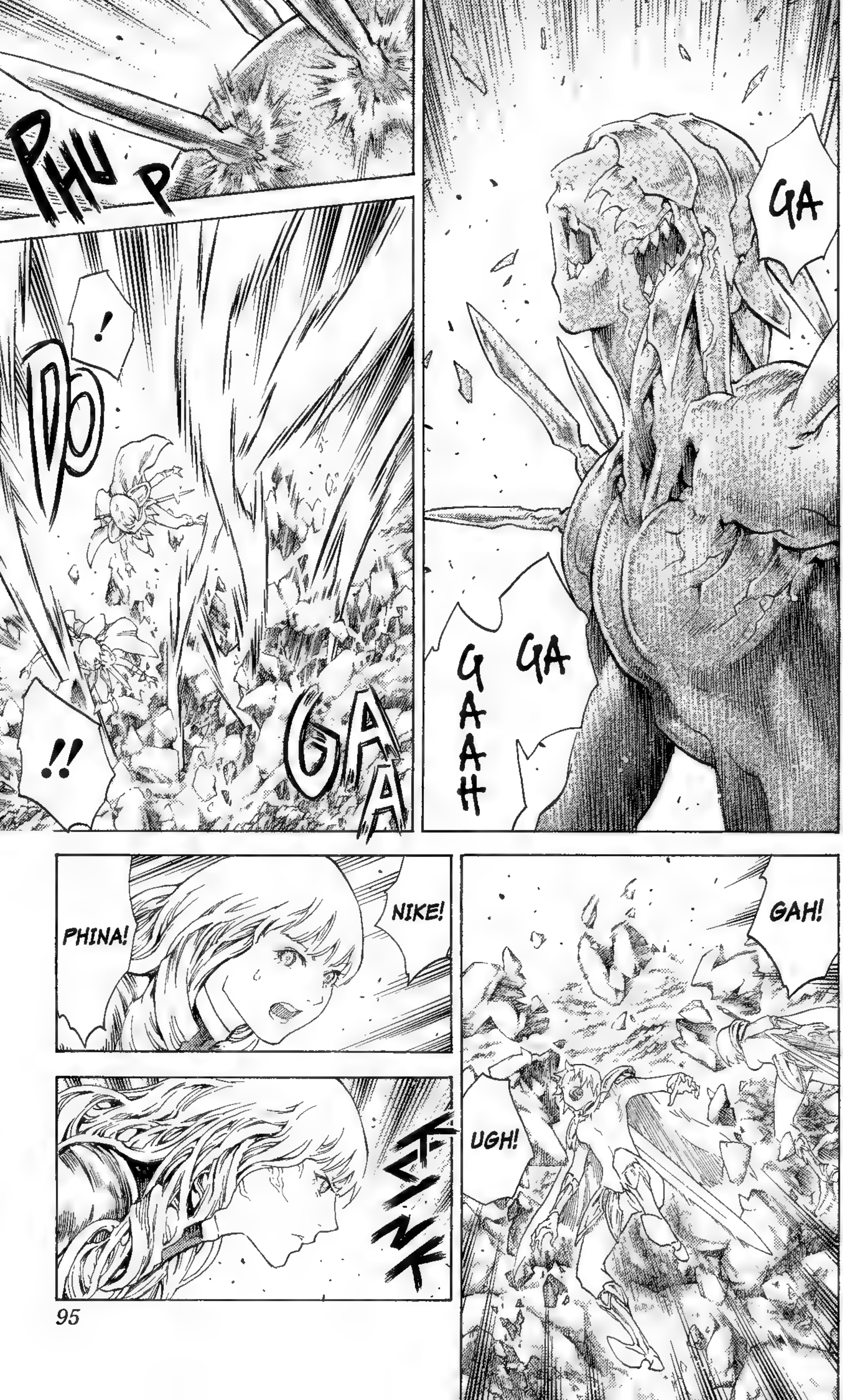

ON THE MOUNTAIN PATH TO THE NORTH...
...I SENSE THE YOMA ENERGY OF FOUR WARRIORS.
!
THEY APPEAR TO BE HEADING TOWARD THE ORGANIZATION.
ONE AMONG THEM IS FAIRLY BIG.
PROBABLY A SINGLE-DIGIT NUMBER.
THEY ASSIGNED THE NORTH TO NUMBER 7...
...BUT PERHAPS THE ORGANIZATION CALLED HER BACK BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION.
THEN WE SHOULD AVOID THE NORTHERN ROUTE.
ENCOUNTERING A SINGLE DIGIT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE...
WAIT.
SOMETHING WITH STRANGE YOMA ENERGY...
...IS APPROACHING THEM...

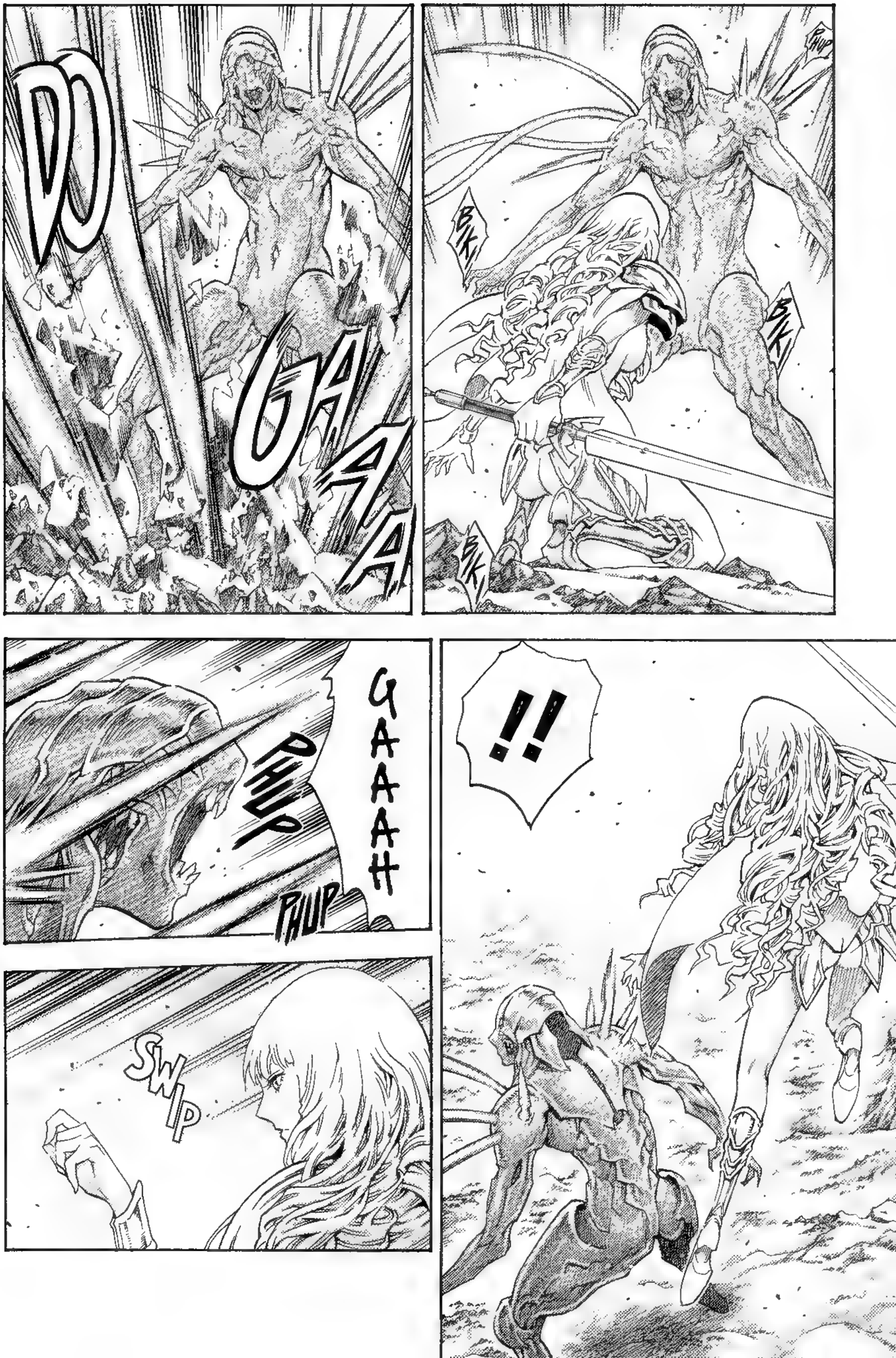

ZA ZA
THEY SURE DO KEEP US BUSY...
...SUDDENLY ORDERING US NORTH ...
...THEN ORDERING US BACK.
I'M GLAD.
IT WAS DEPRESSING STAYING SO LONG IN THAT DESOLATE PLACE.
OH?
I WAS STARTING TO LIKE...
...THAT EMPTY, SILVER WORLD.

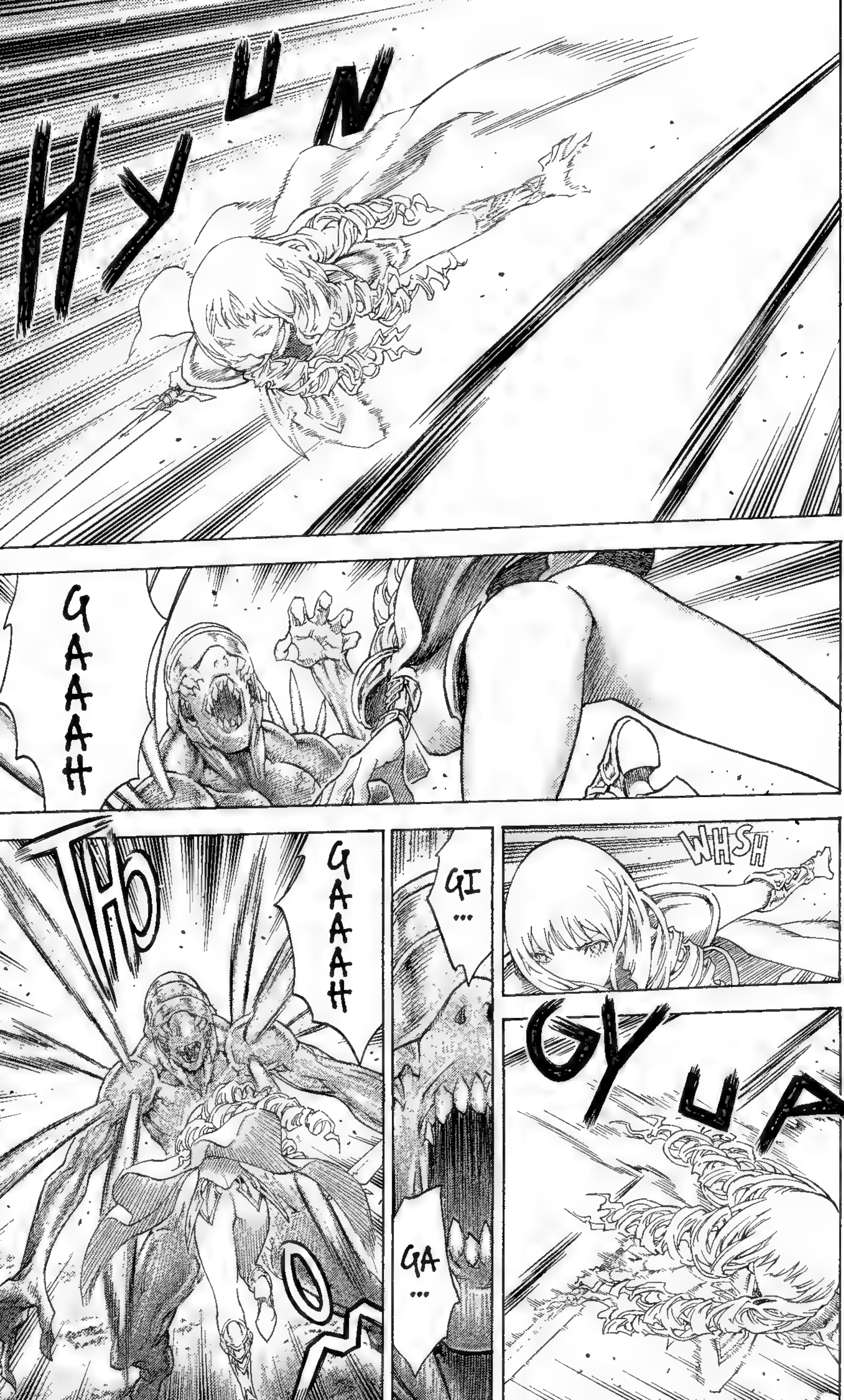
READ THIS WAY

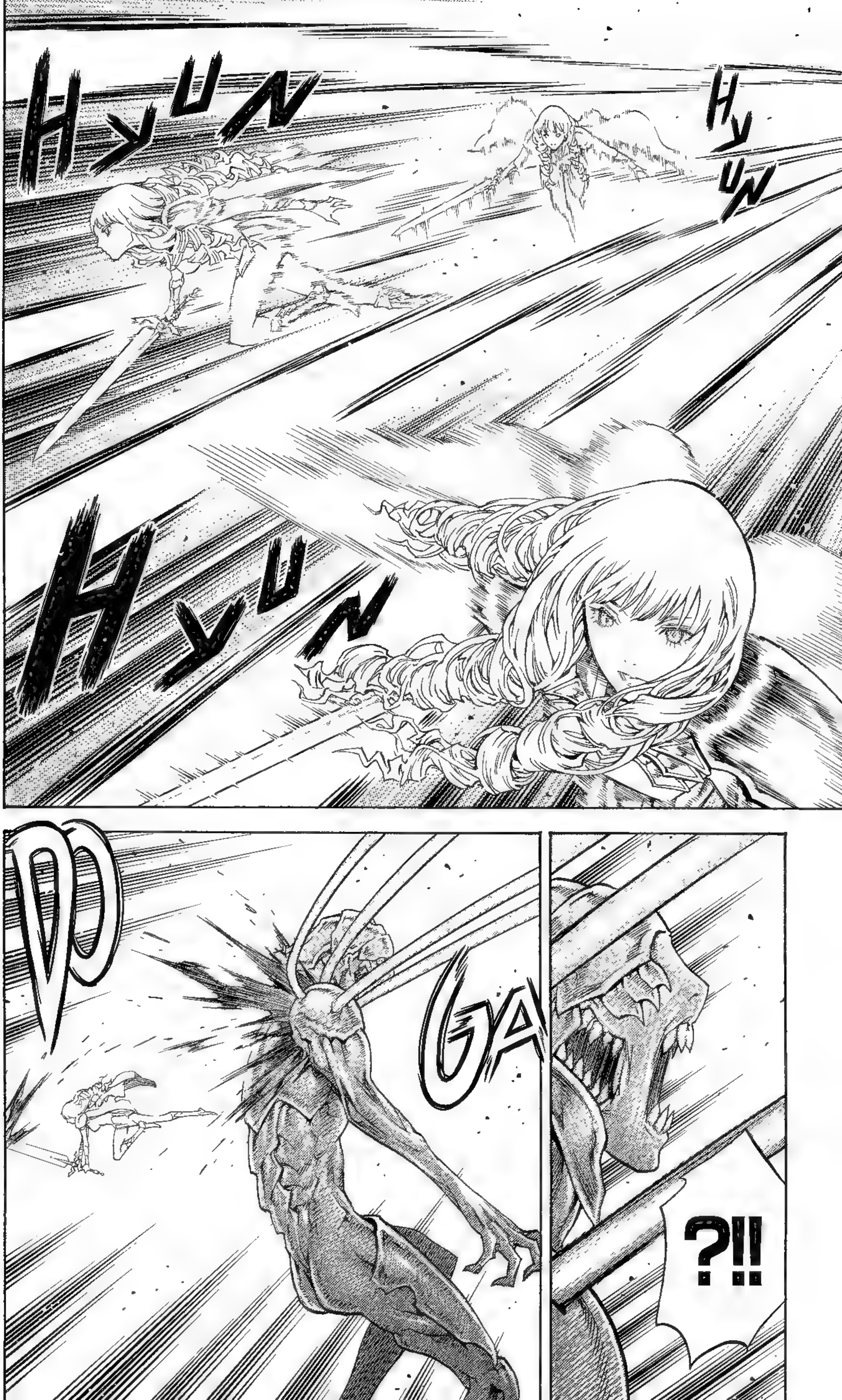

!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
H... HELP!
HELP ME!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
A HUMAN IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
NO!
GASH
NO!
I DON'T WANT TO TURN INTO THAT!
PLEASE, CALM YOURSELF.
WHAT IN THE WORLD...

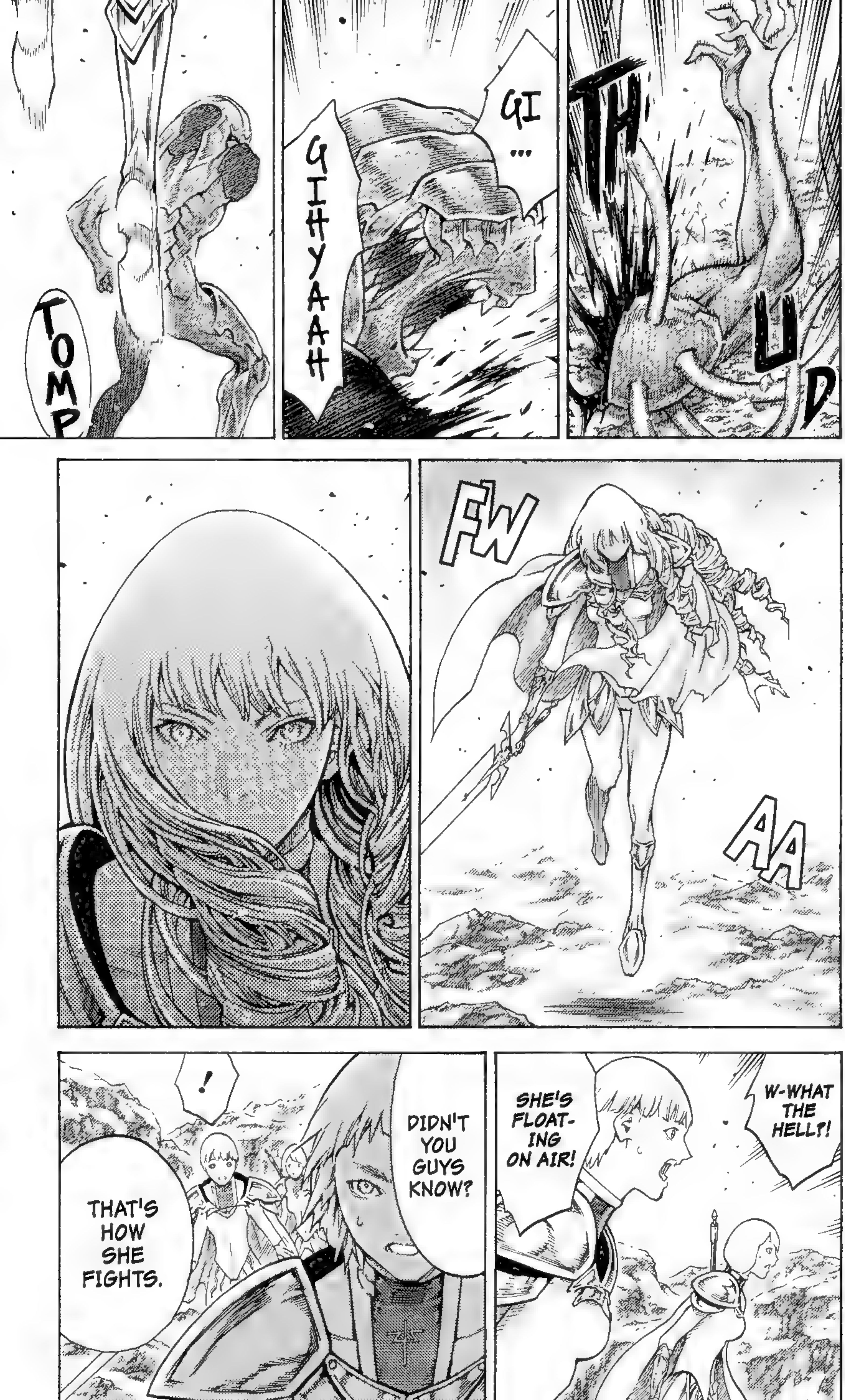

YOMA ENERGY?
BIKI
BIKI
I...
I DON'T WANT TO BE A MONSTER...
BIKI
THOOOM
AN AWAKENED BEING?
IMPOSSIBLE! IT WAS JUST A MAN!
SHUMP

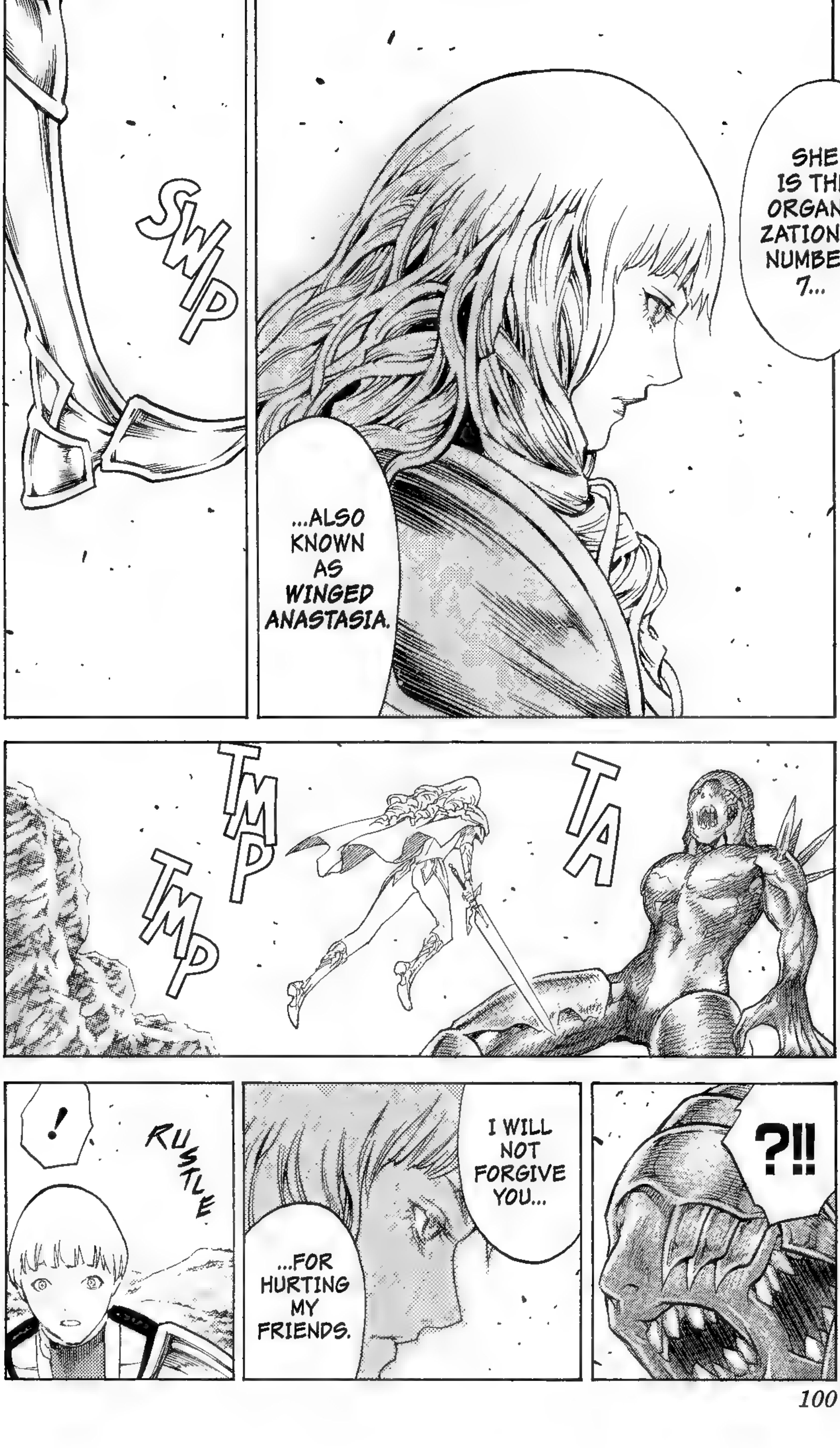

GA
GA
GAAAH
PHUP
!
DO
!!
GAA
GAH!
UGH!
NIKE!
PHINA!
KVINK

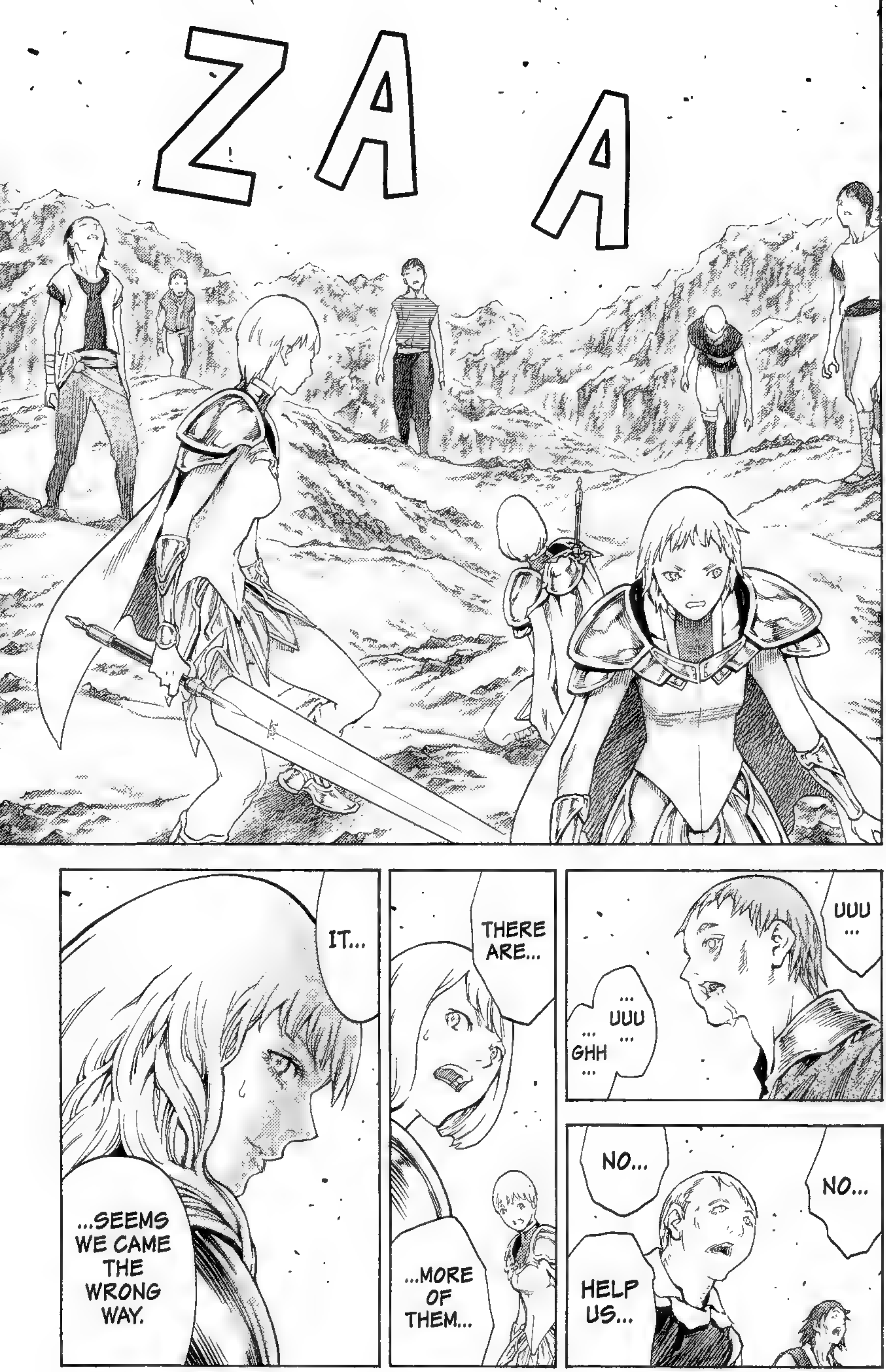

PHUP
BIK
BIK
BIK
DO
GAAAA
!!
GAAAAH
PHUP
PHUP
SWIP


HYUN
GAAAAAH
WHSH
GYUA
GI…
GA…
THO
GAAAAAH
O

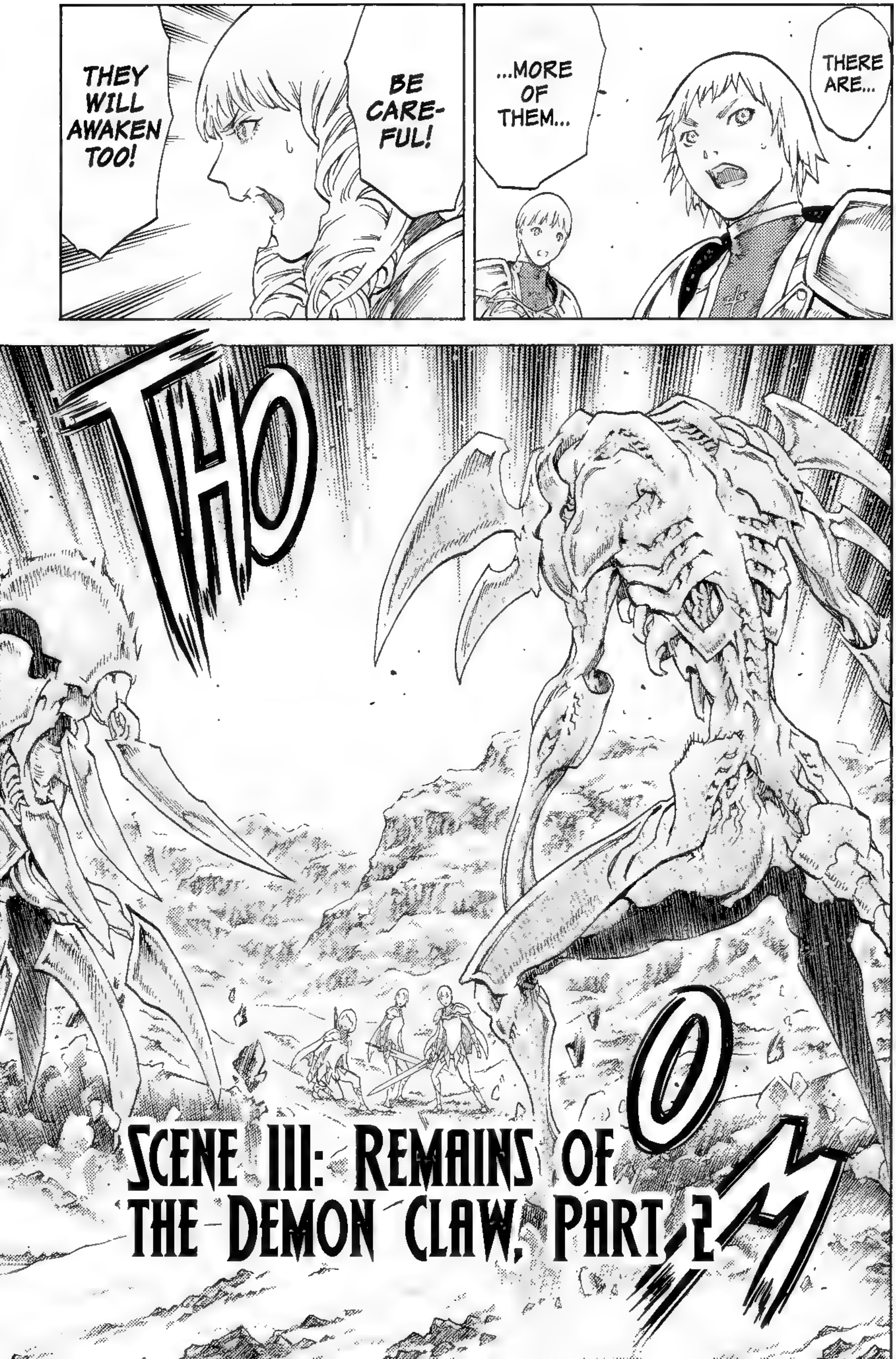

HYUN
HYUN
HYUN
DO
GA
?!!


THUD
GI...
GIHYAAAH
TOMP
FWAA
W-WHAT THE HELL?!
SHE'S FLOATING ON AIR!
DIDN'T YOU GUYS KNOW?
!
THAT'S HOW SHE FIGHTS.


SHE IS THE ORGANIZATION'S NUMBER 7...
...ALSO KNOWN AS *WINGED ANASTASIA*.
SWIP
TA
TMP
TMP
?!!
I WILL NOT FORGIVE YOU...
...FOR HURTING MY FRIENDS.
RUSTLE
!


ZAA
UUU...
...UUU...
...GHH...
NO...
NO...
HELP US...
THERE ARE...
...MORE OF THEM...
IT...
...SEEMS WE CAME THE WRONG WAY.

クレイモア
Claymore


THERE ARE...
...MORE OF THEM...
BE CAREFUL!
THEY WILL AWAKEN TOO!
THOOOM

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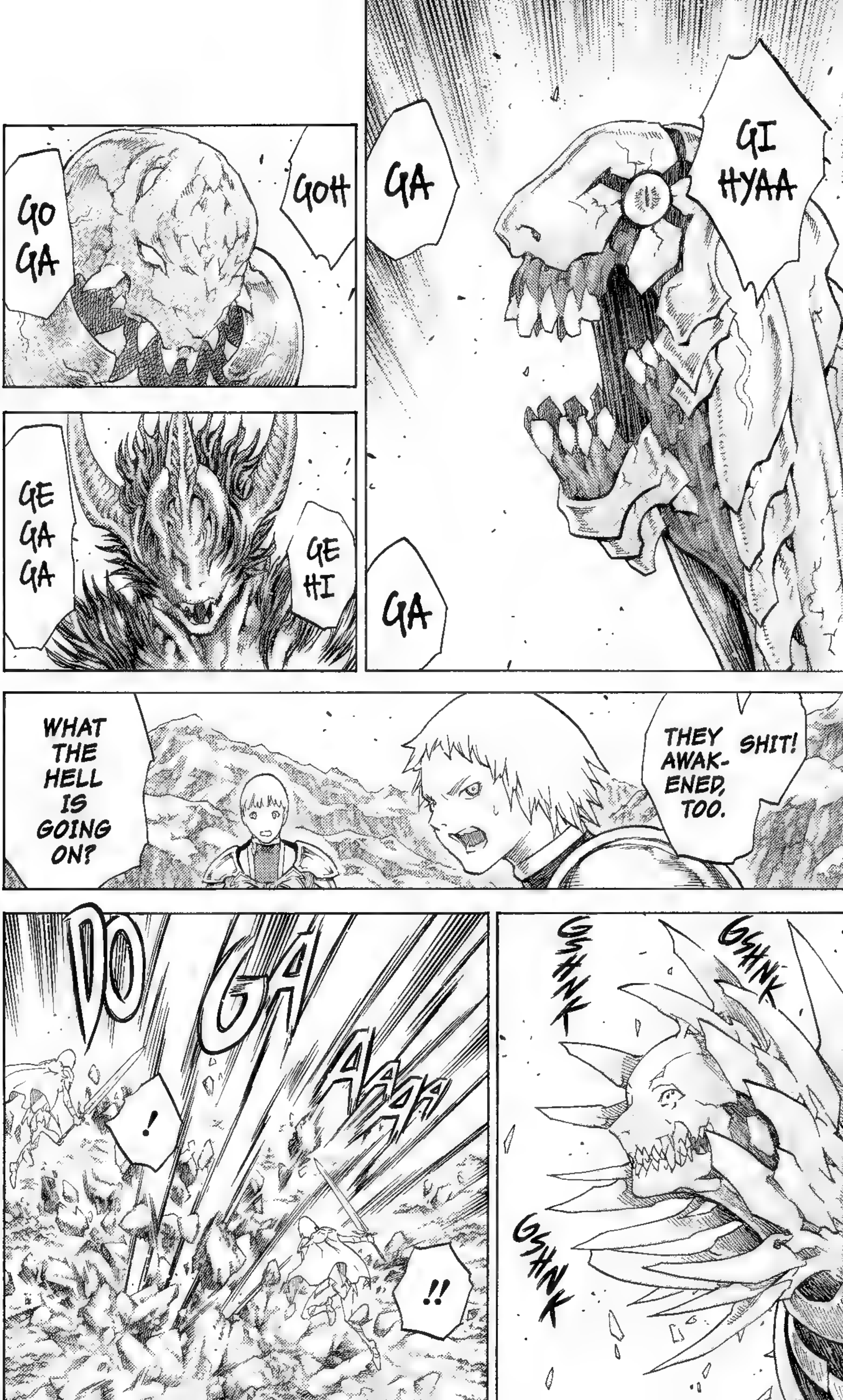
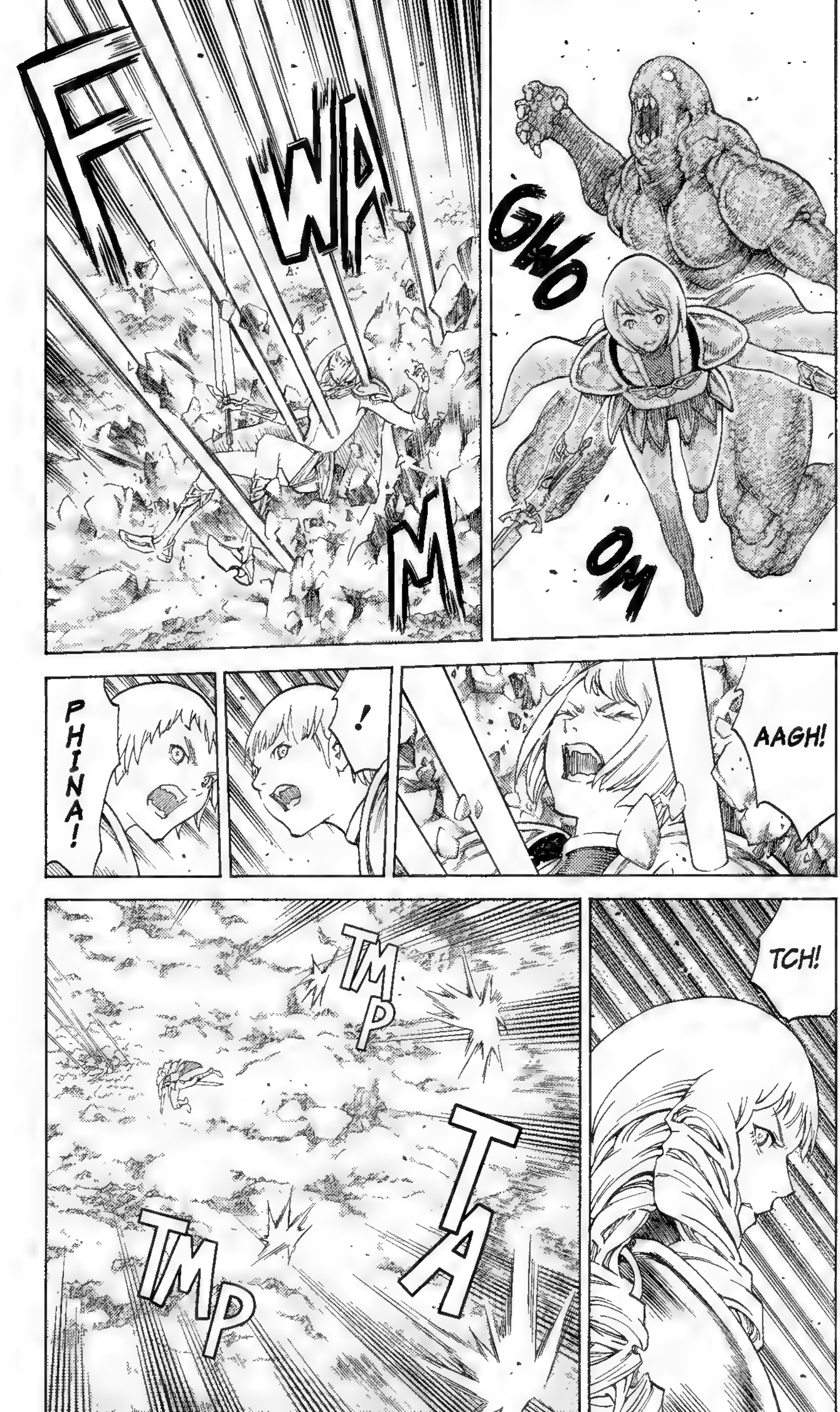
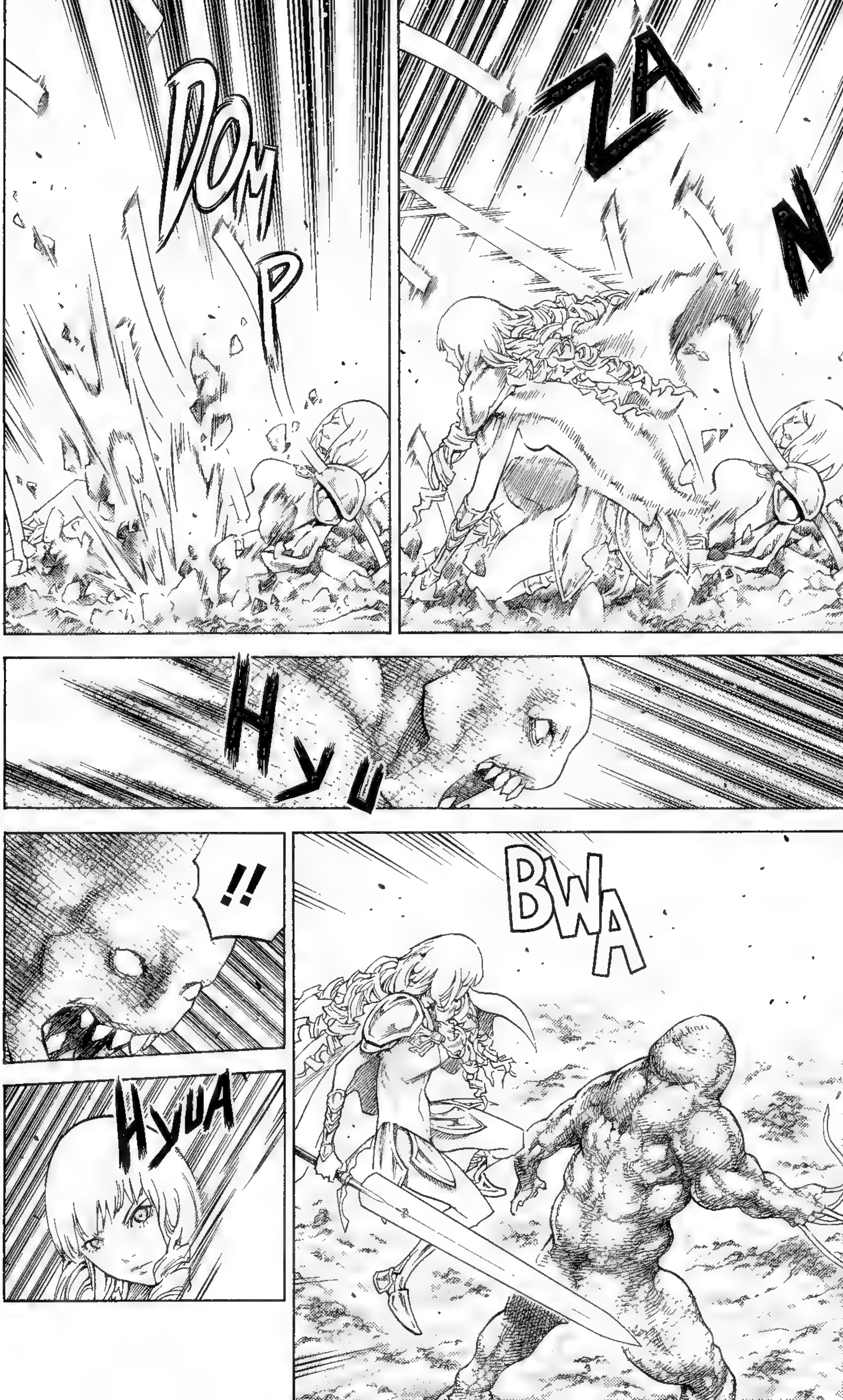
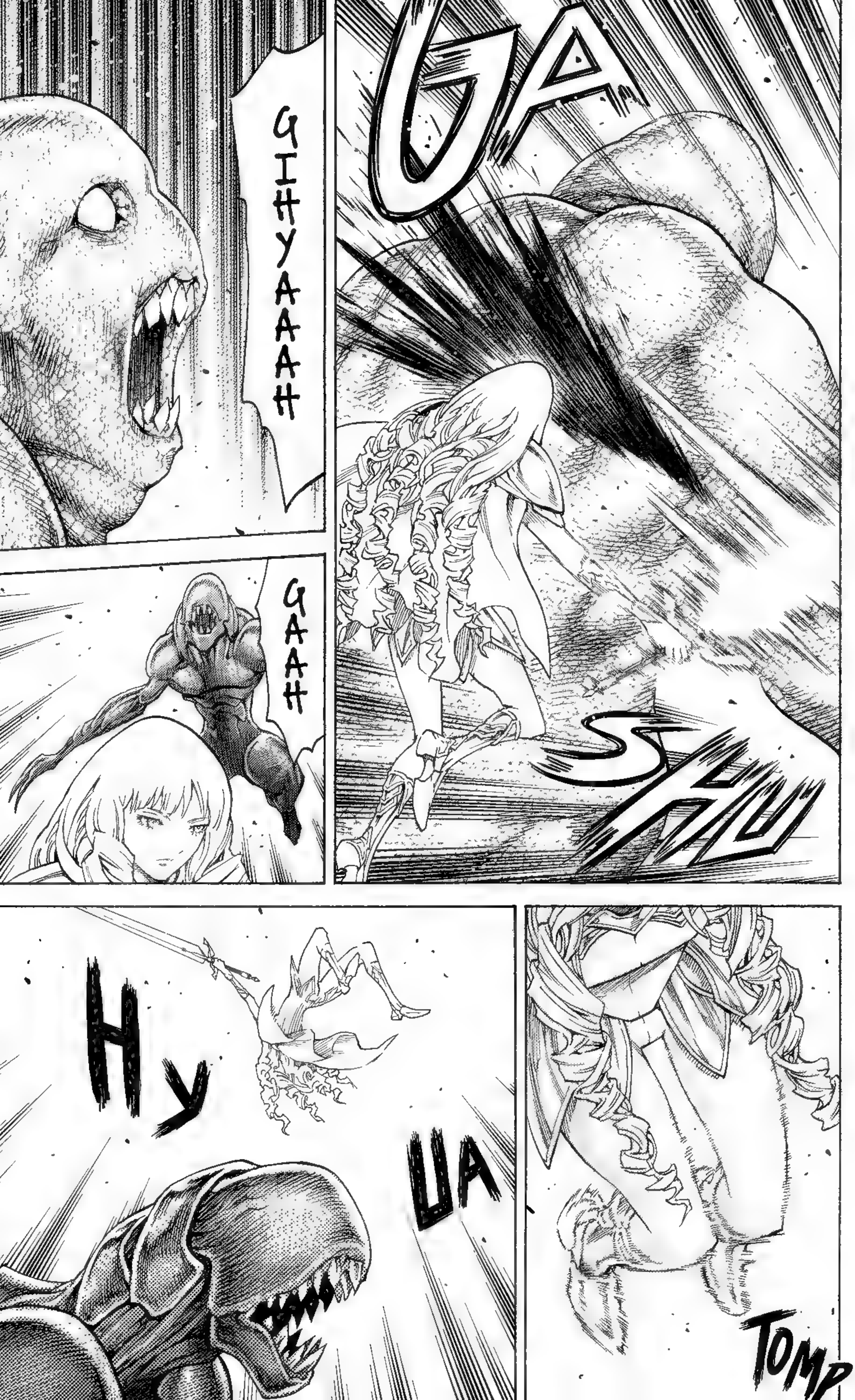
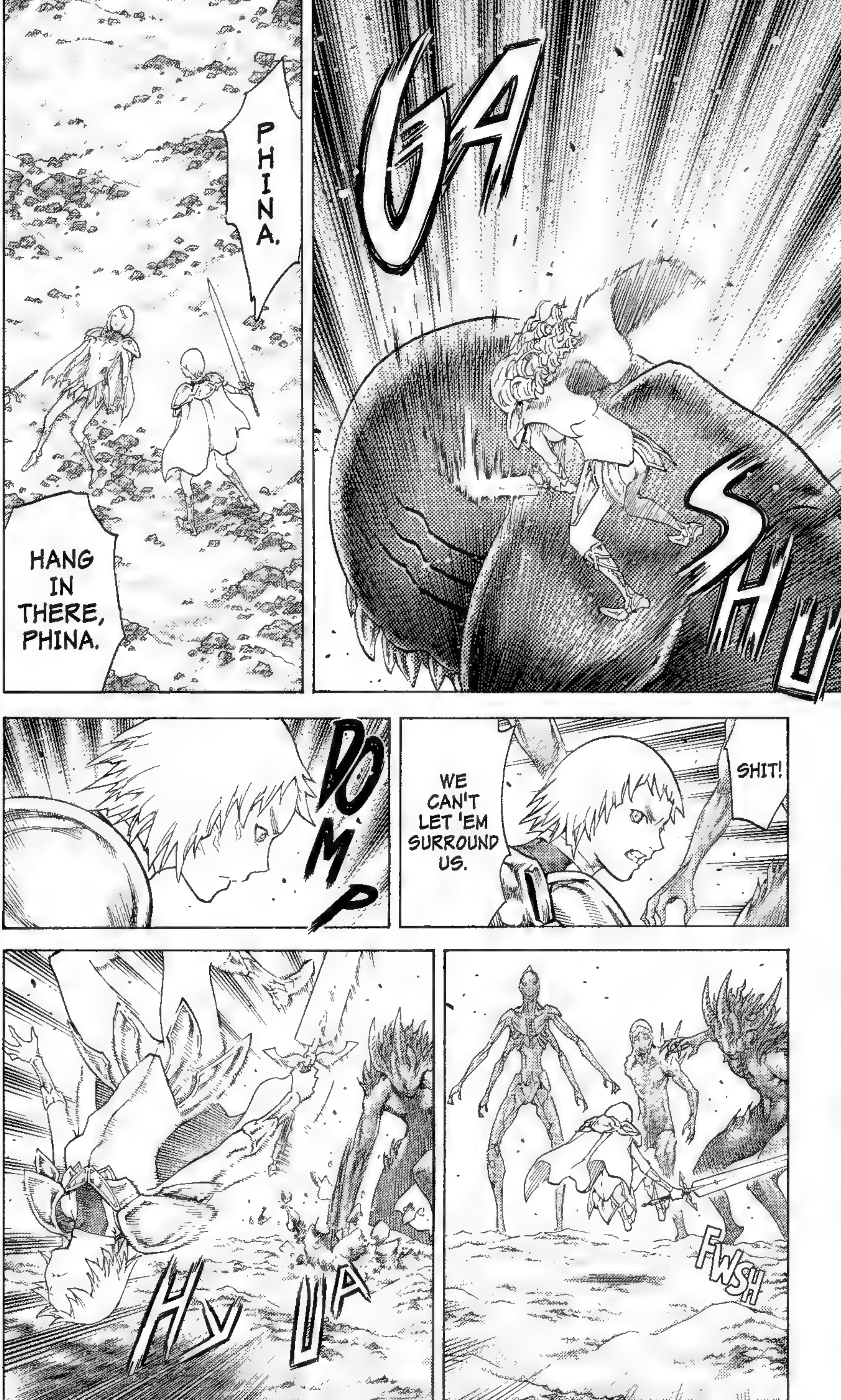
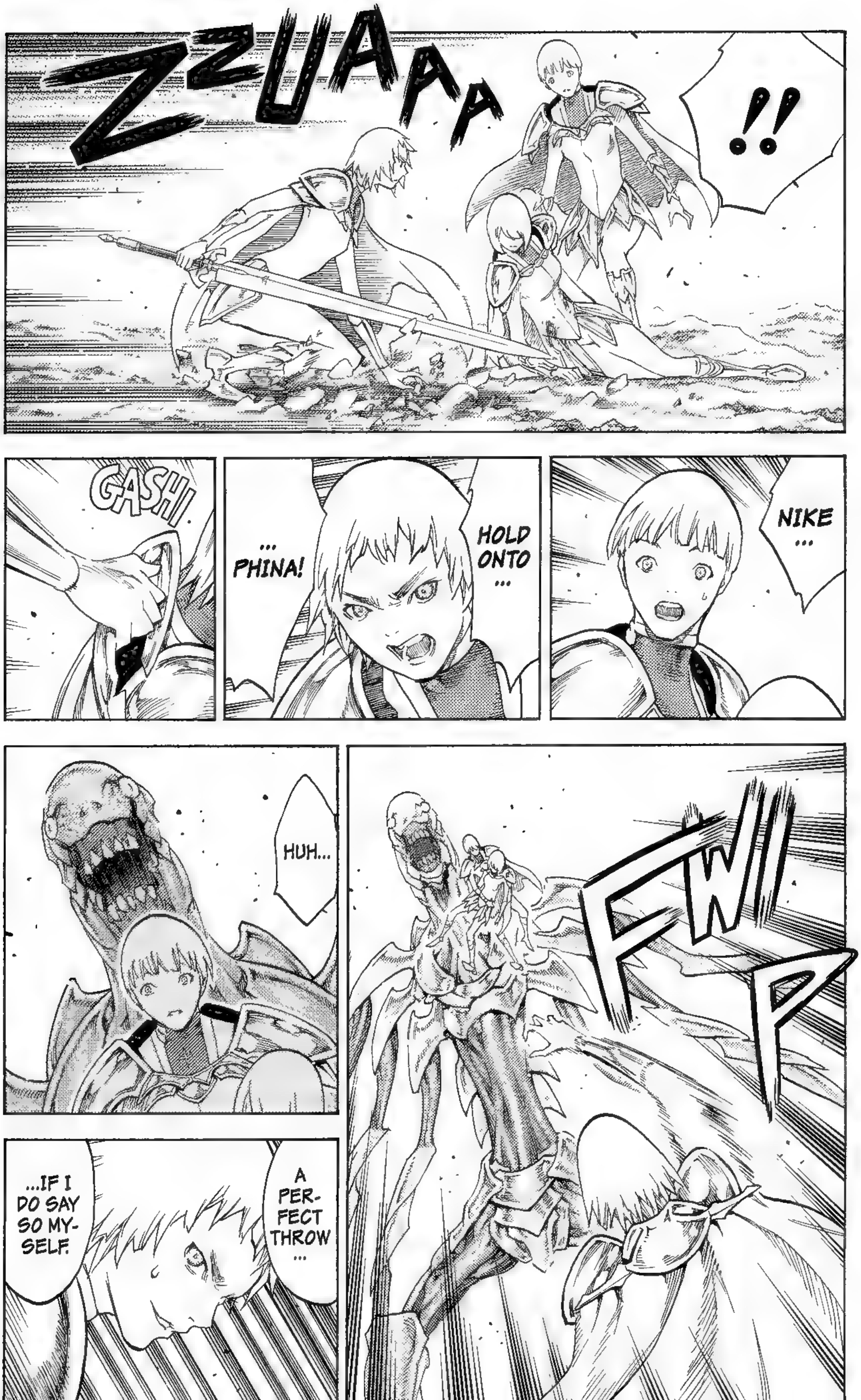

GI HYAA
GA
GA
GOH
GO GA
GE HI
GE GA GA
SHIT!
THEY AWAKENED, TOO.
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
GSHANK
GSHANK
GSHANK
DO GA
AAAA
!
!!

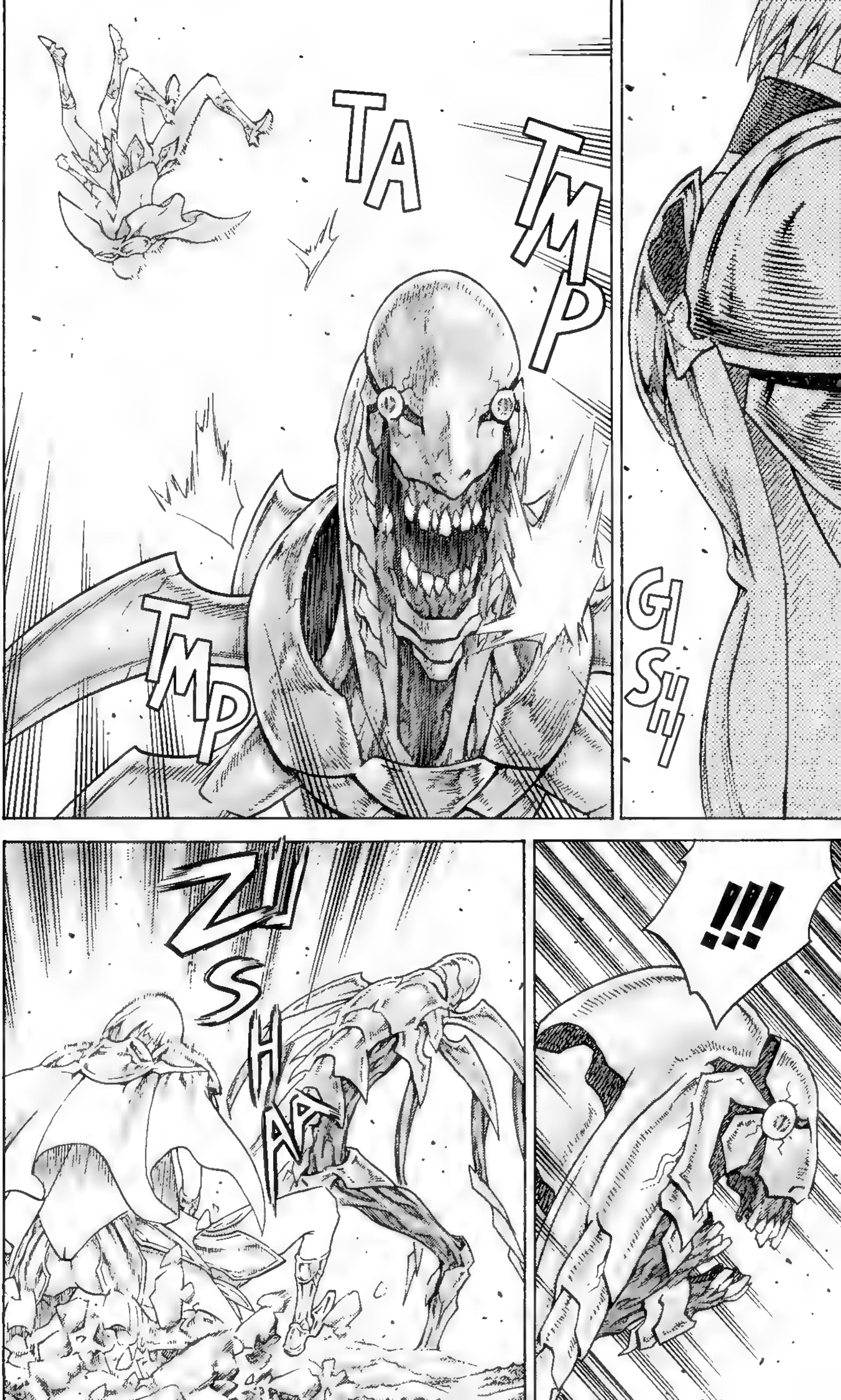

GWO
OM
FWA
MM
AAGH!
!
PHINA!
TCH!
TMP
TA
TMP


DOMP
ZAN
HYU
!!
HYUA
BWA

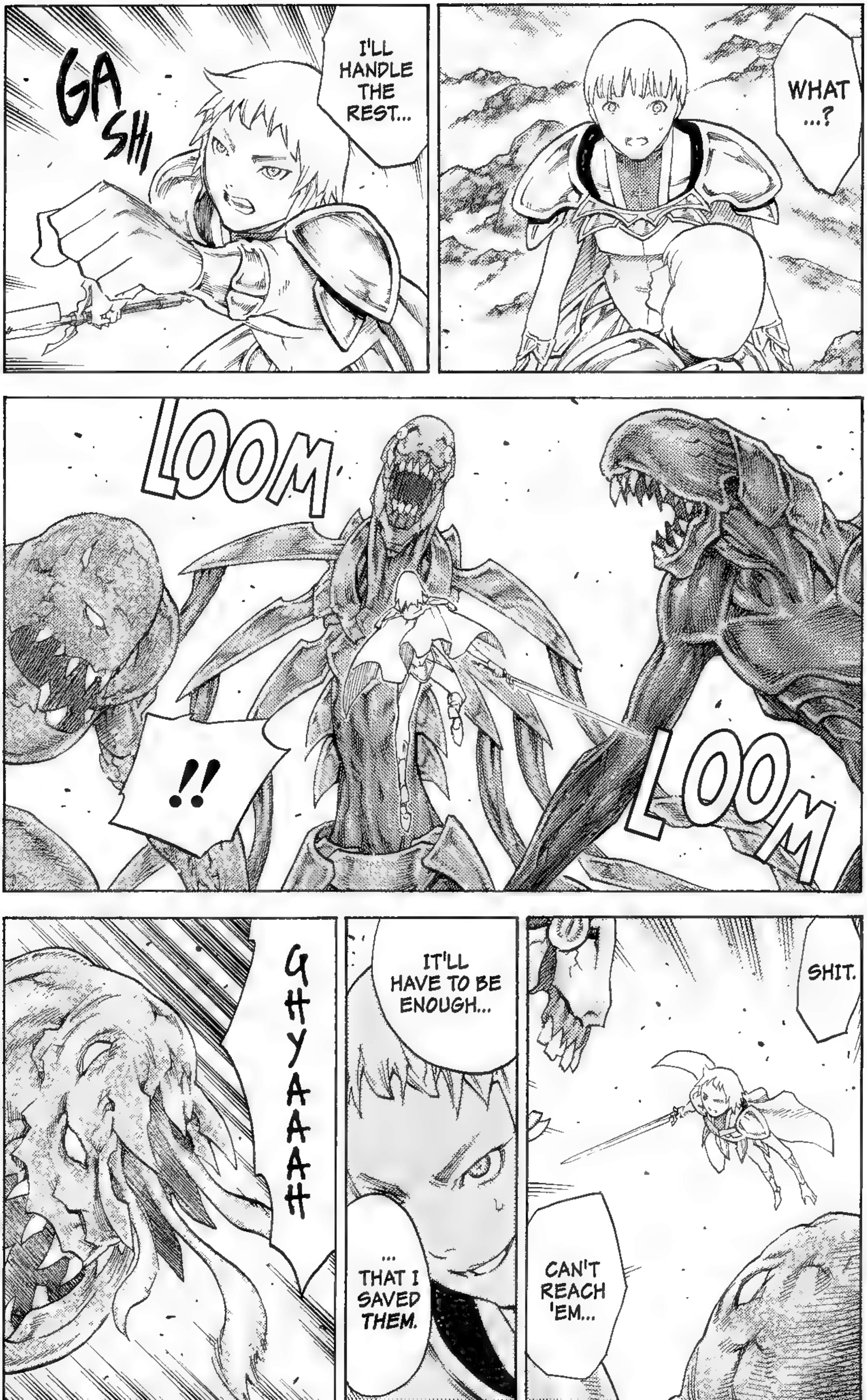

GA
SHU
GIHYAAAAH
GAAAH
TOMP
Hy
UA

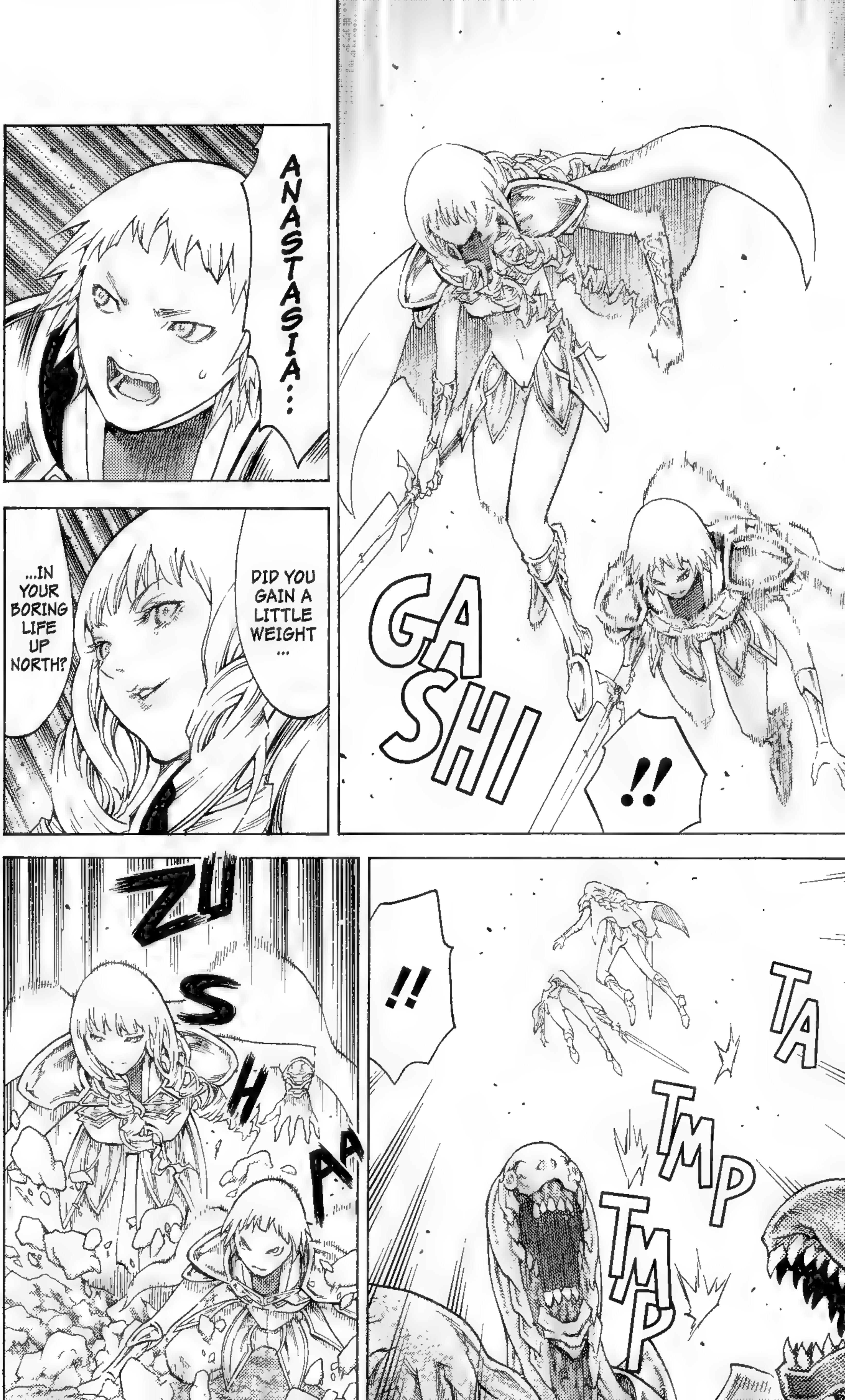

GA
SHU
PHINA.
HANG IN THERE, PHINA.
SHIT!
WE CAN'T LET 'EM SURROUND US.
DOMP
FWSH
HYUA


!!
ZZUAAAA
NIKE ...
HOLD ONTO ...
... PHINA!
GASHI
FWIP
HUH...
A PERFECT THROW ...
...IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.

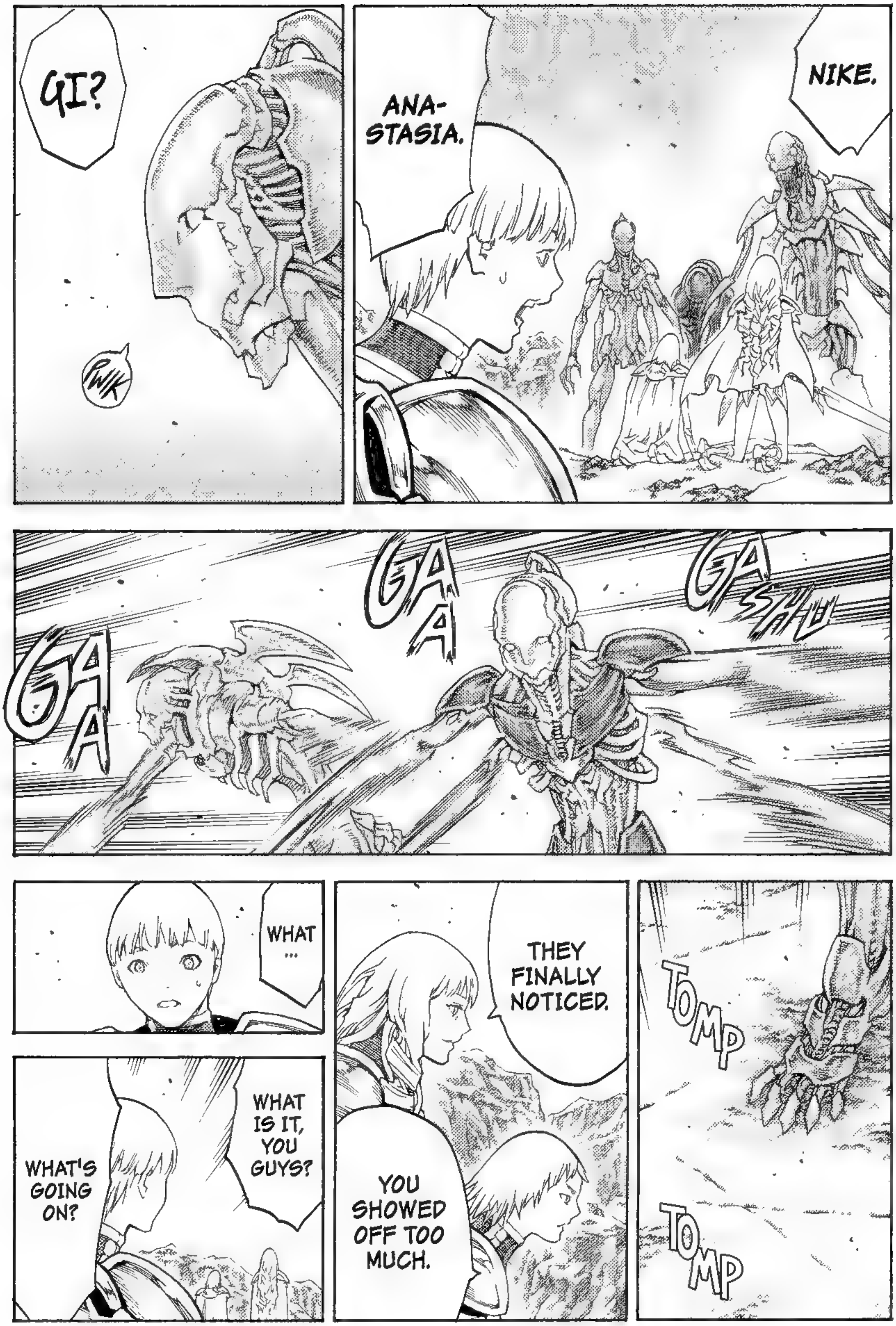

GISHI
TA
TMP
TMP
!!!
ZUSHAA

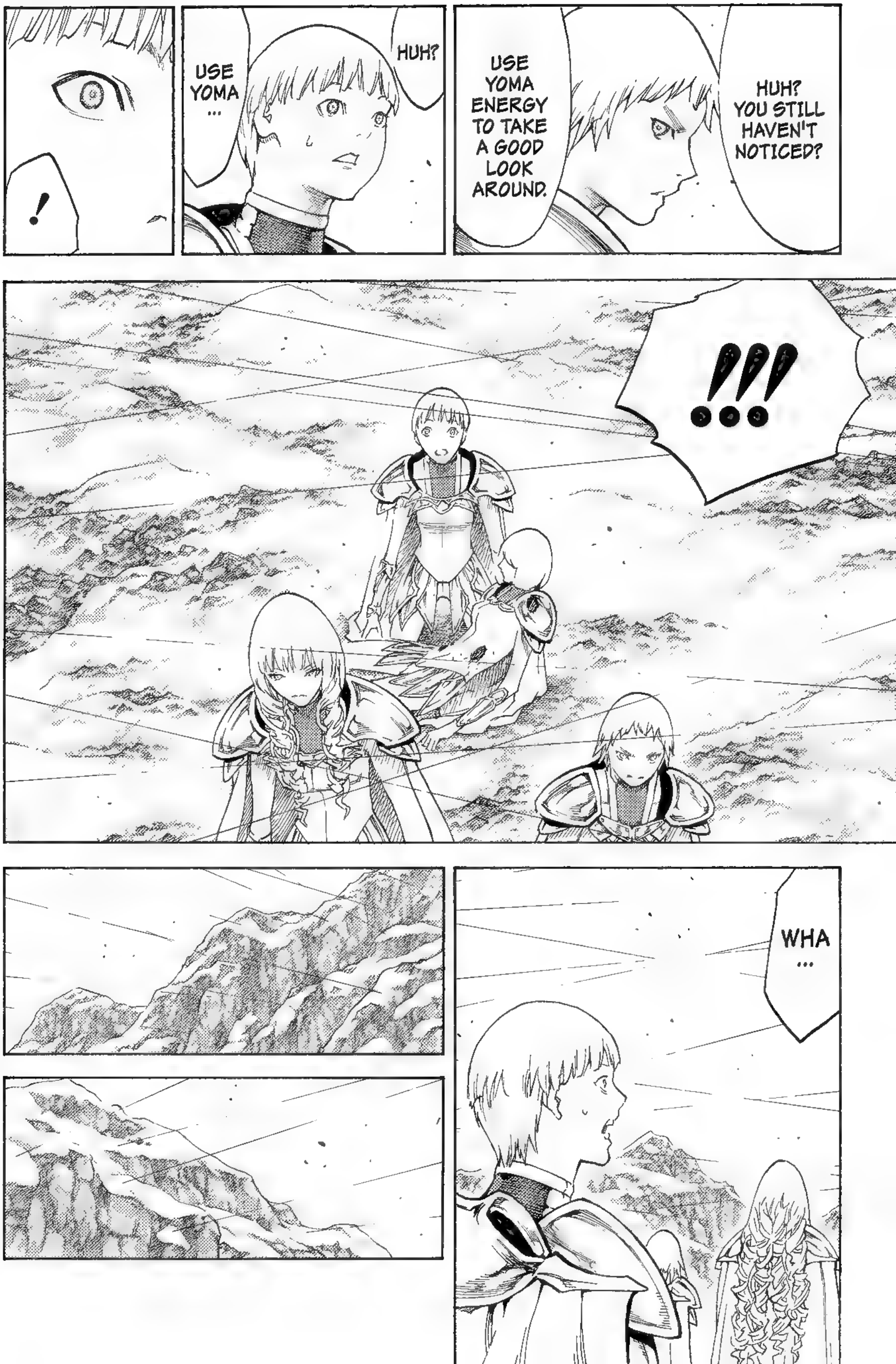
READ THIS WAY


WHAT ...?
I'LL HANDLE THE REST...
GASHI
LOOM
!!
LOOM
SHIT.
CAN'T REACH 'EM...
IT'LL HAVE TO BE ENOUGH...
... THAT I SAVED THEM.
GHYAAAAH

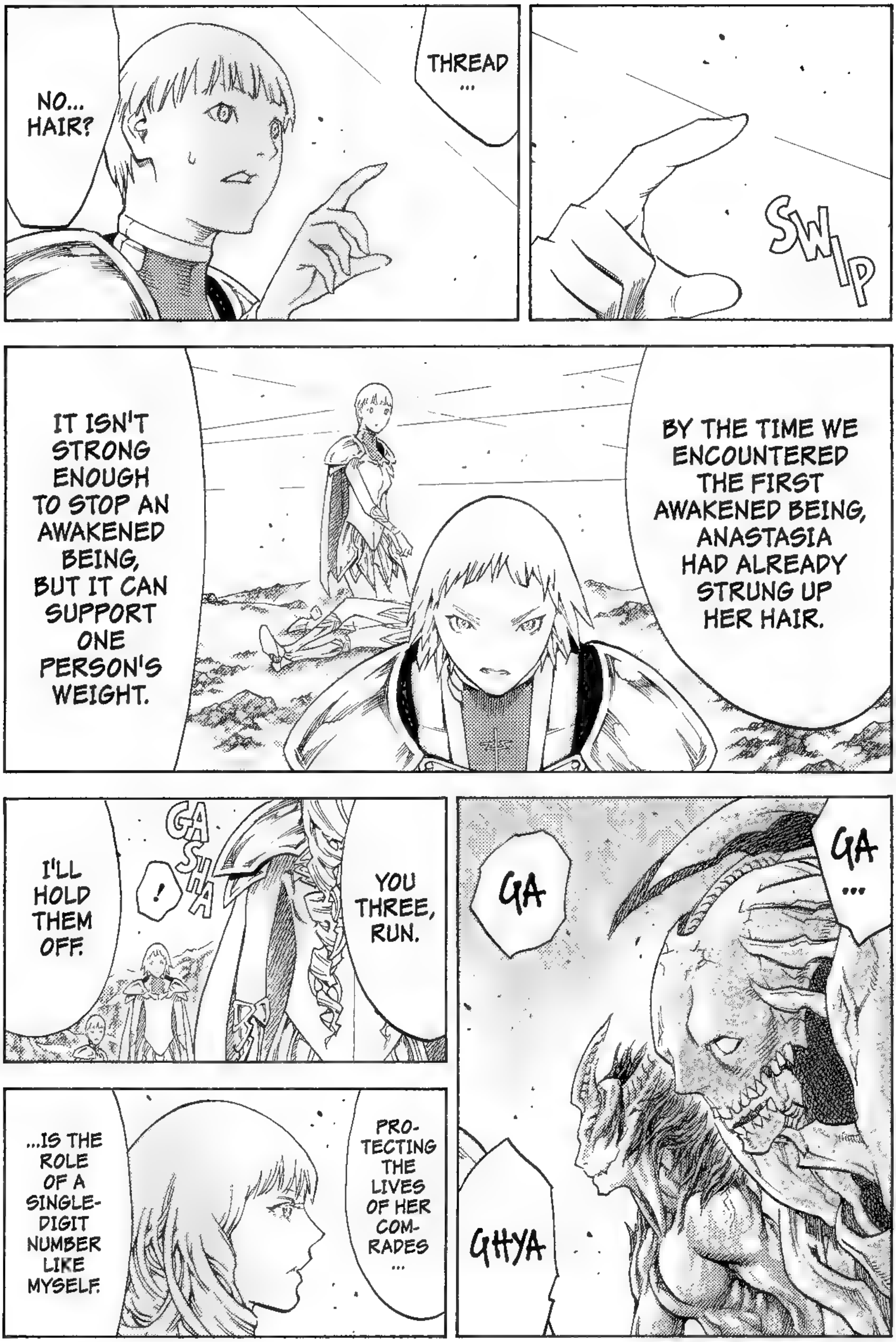

GASHI
!!
ANASTASIA...
DID YOU GAIN A LITTLE WEIGHT...
...IN YOUR BORING LIFE UP NORTH?
!!
TA
TMP
TMP
ZU
SHAA

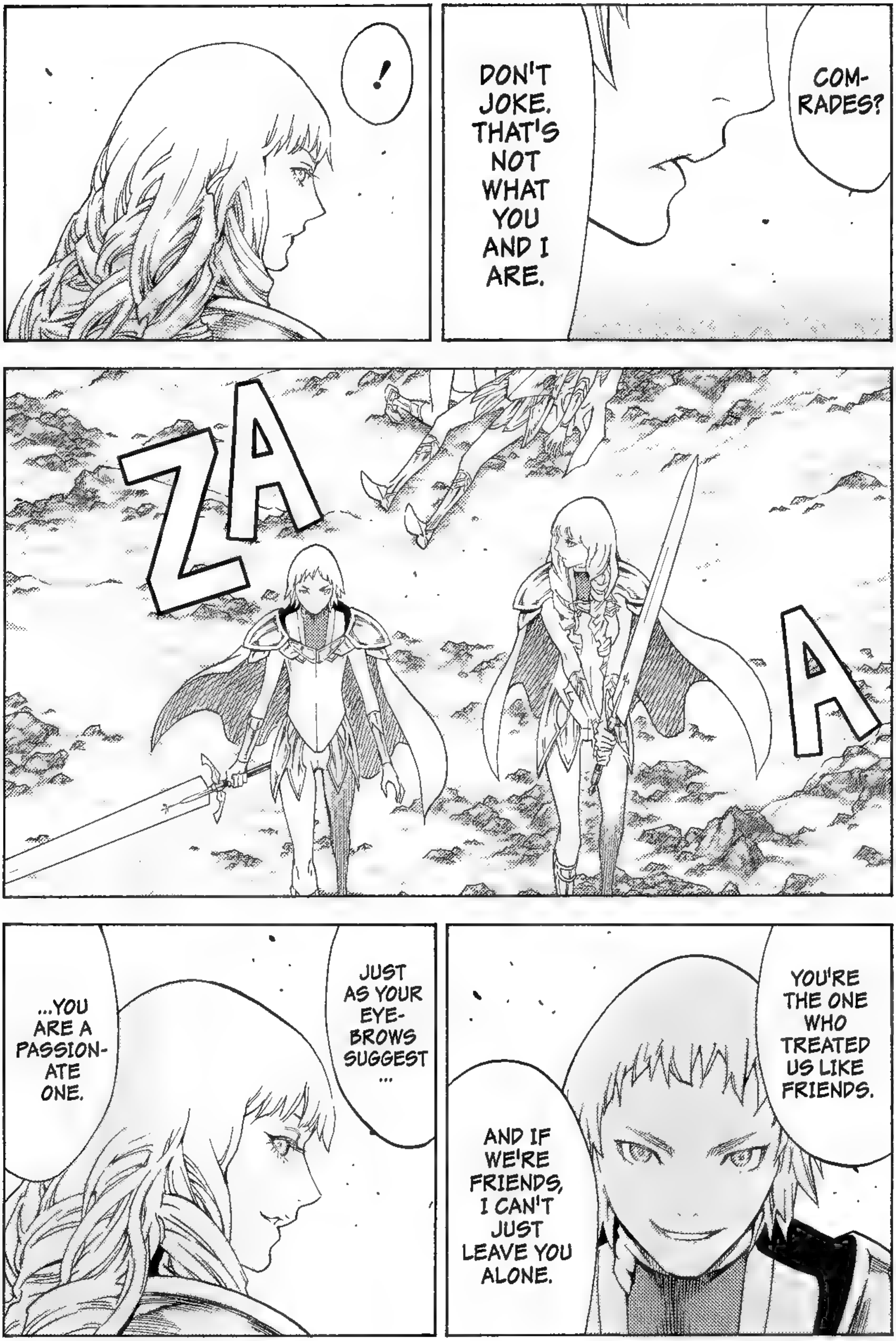
READ THIS WAY


NIKE.
ANA-STASIA.
GI?
PWK
GASHU
GA A
GA A
TOMP
TOMP
THEY FINALLY NOTICED.
YOU SHOWED OFF TOO MUCH.
WHAT ...
WHAT IS IT, YOU GUYS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?

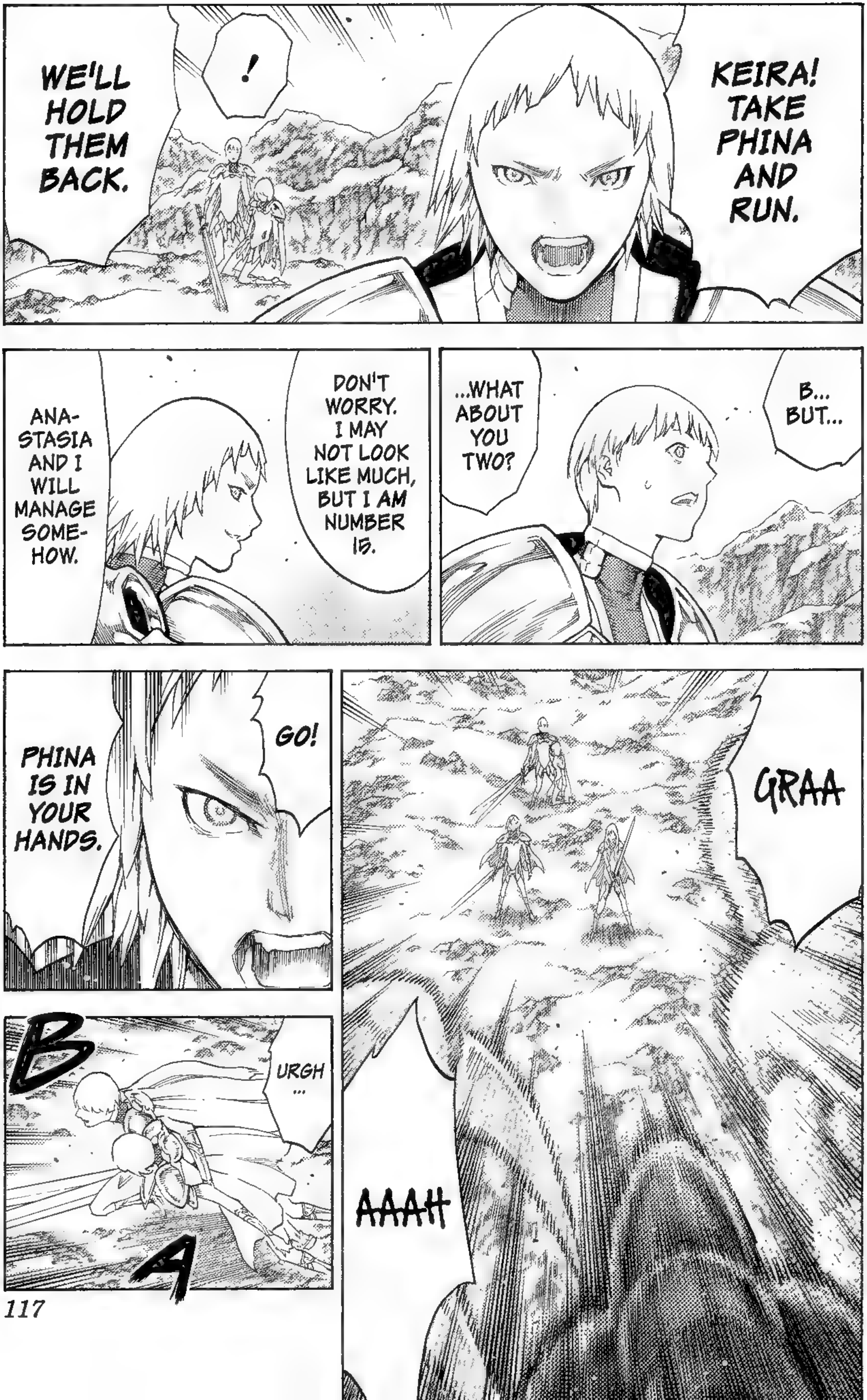

HUH? YOU STILL HAVEN'T NOTICED?
USE YOMA ENERGY TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND.
HUH?
USE YOMA ...
!
!!!
WHA ...

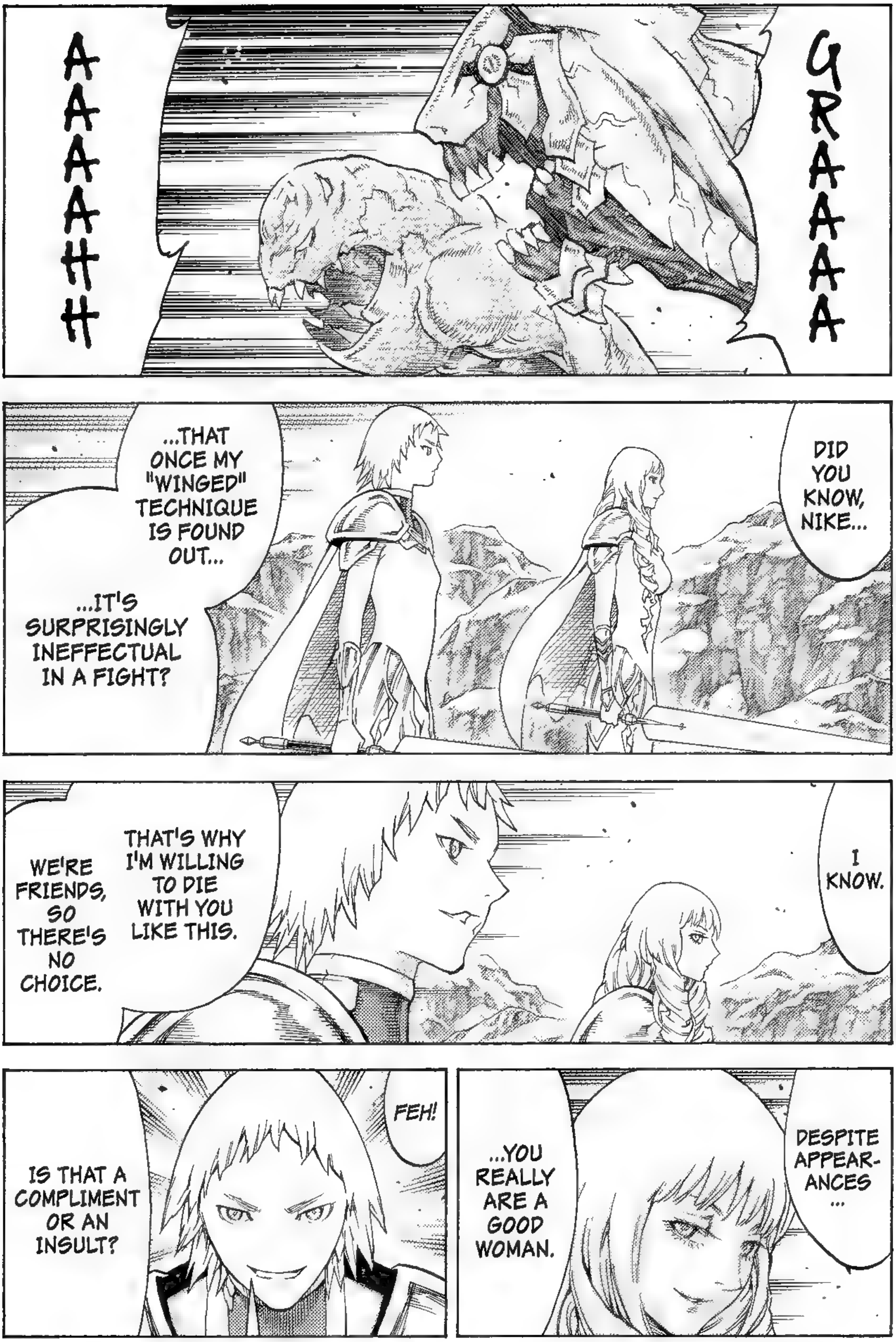
READ THIS WAY


SWIP
THREAD...
NO... HAIR?
BY THE TIME WE ENCOUNTERED THE FIRST AWAKENED BEING, ANASTASIA HAD ALREADY STRUNG UP HER HAIR.
IT ISN'T STRONG ENOUGH TO STOP AN AWAKENED BEING, BUT IT CAN SUPPORT ONE PERSON'S WEIGHT.
GA...
GA
GHYA
YOU THREE, RUN.
GASHA
!
I'LL HOLD THEM OFF.
PROTECTING THE LIVES OF HER COMRADES...
...IS THE ROLE OF A SINGLE-DIGIT NUMBER LIKE MYSELF.

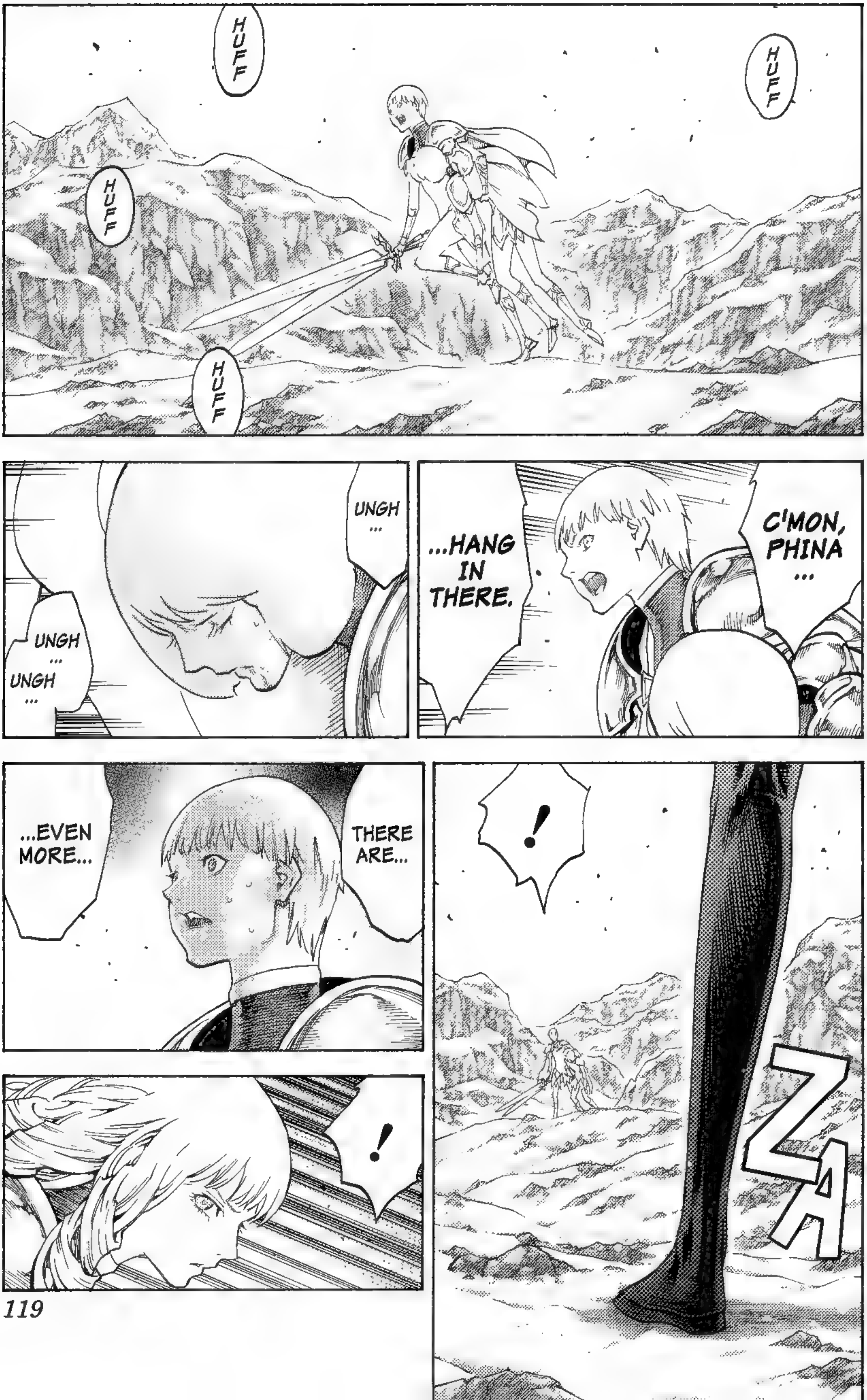

COMRADES?
DON'T JOKE. THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU AND I ARE.
!
ZA
A
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TREATED US LIKE FRIENDS.
AND IF WE'RE FRIENDS, I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU ALONE.
JUST AS YOUR EYEBROWS SUGGEST...
...YOU ARE A PASSIONATE ONE.

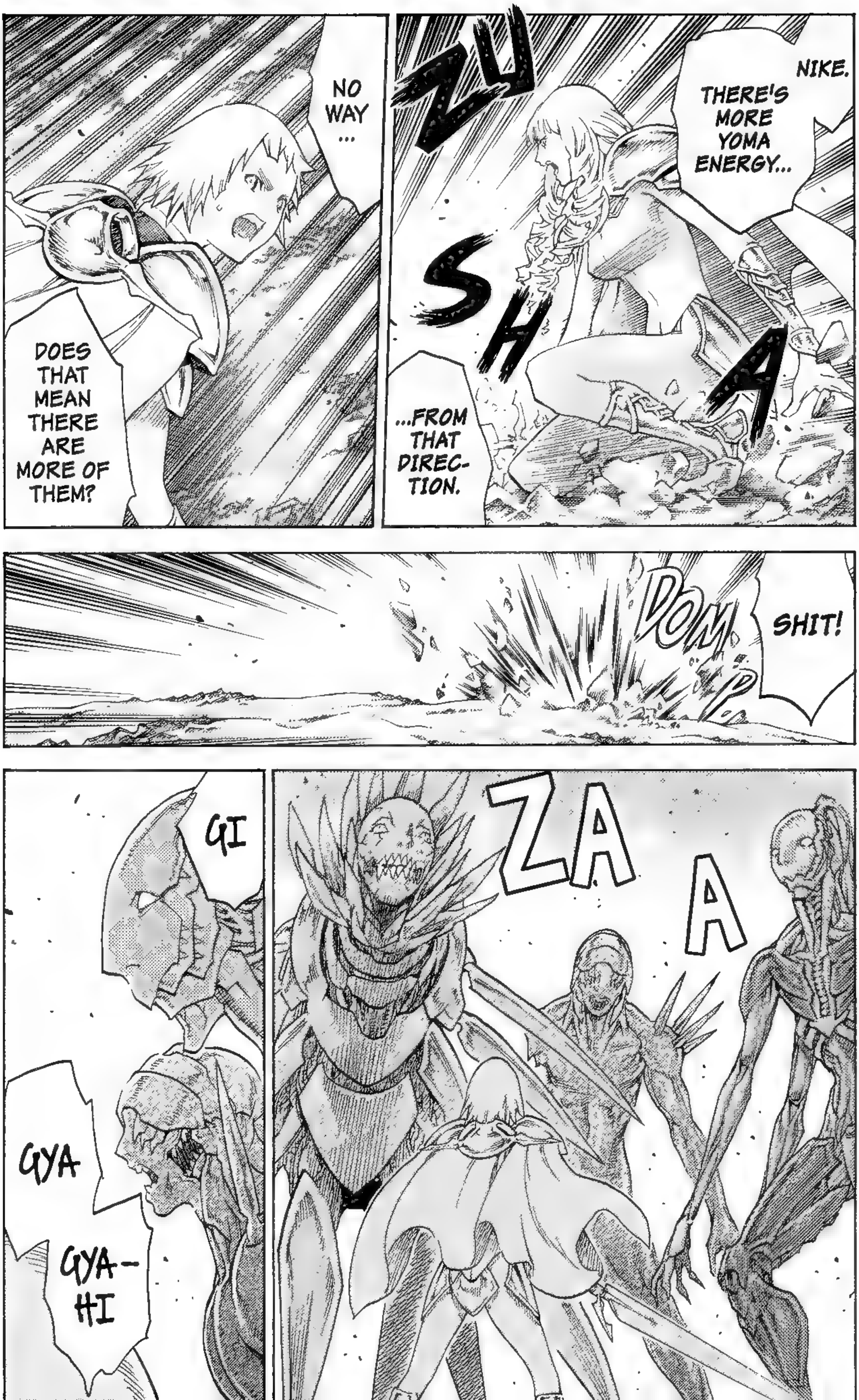
READ THIS WAY


KEIRA! TAKE PHINA AND RUN.
!
WE'LL HOLD THEM BACK.
B... BUT...
...WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO?
DON'T WORRY. I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH, BUT I AM NUMBER 15.
ANASTASIA AND I WILL MANAGE SOMEHOW.
GO!
PHINA IS IN YOUR HANDS.
B
A
URGH...
GRAA
AAAH

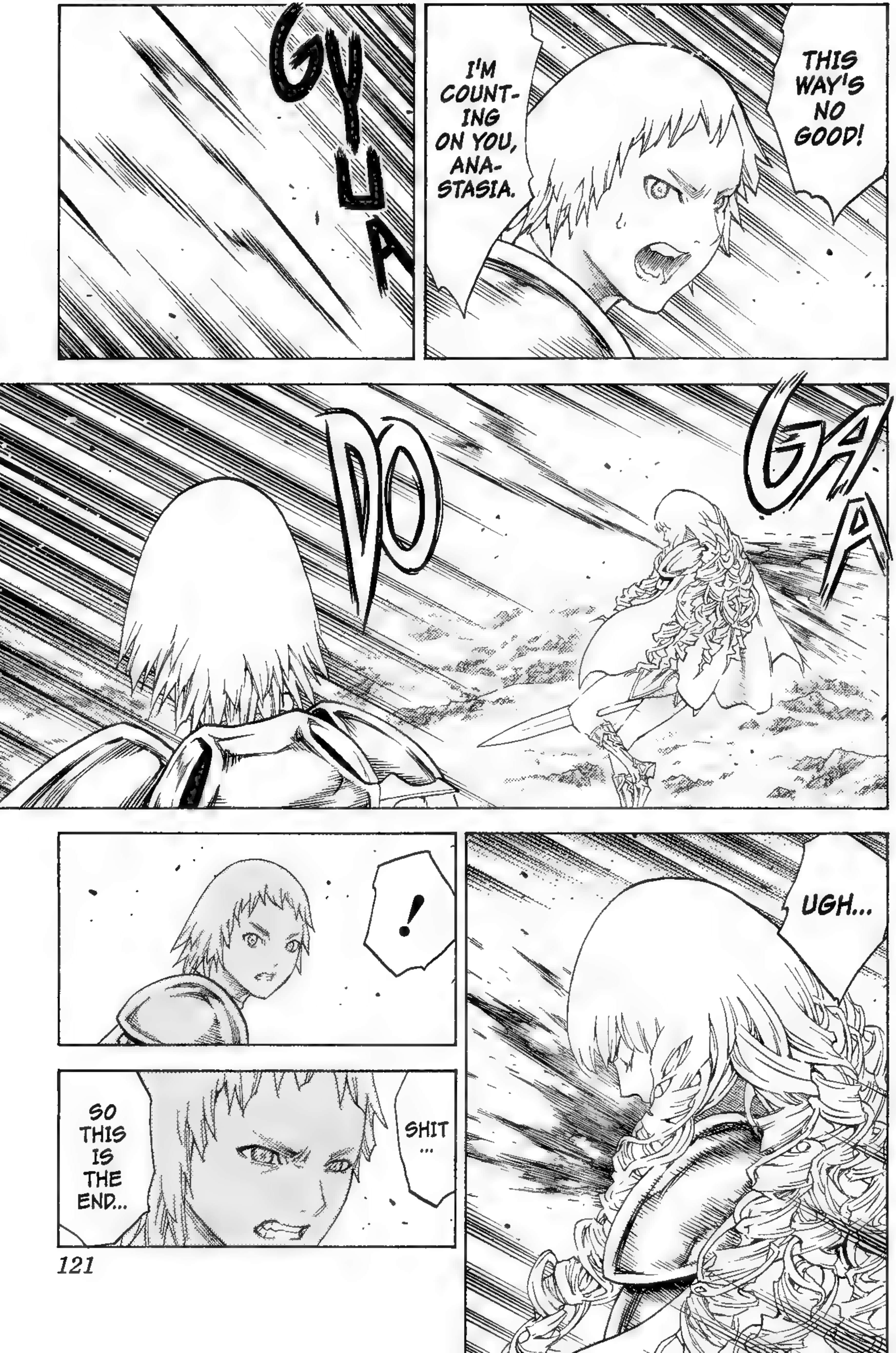

GRAAAAA
AAAAAHH
DID YOU KNOW, NIKE...
...THAT ONCE MY "WINGED" TECHNIQUE IS FOUND OUT...
...IT'S SURPRISINGLY INEFFECTUAL IN A FIGHT?
I KNOW.
THAT'S WHY I'M WILLING TO DIE WITH YOU LIKE THIS.
WE'RE FRIENDS, SO THERE'S NO CHOICE.
DESPITE APPEARANCES...
...YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD WOMAN.
FEH!
IS THAT A COMPLIMENT OR AN INSULT?

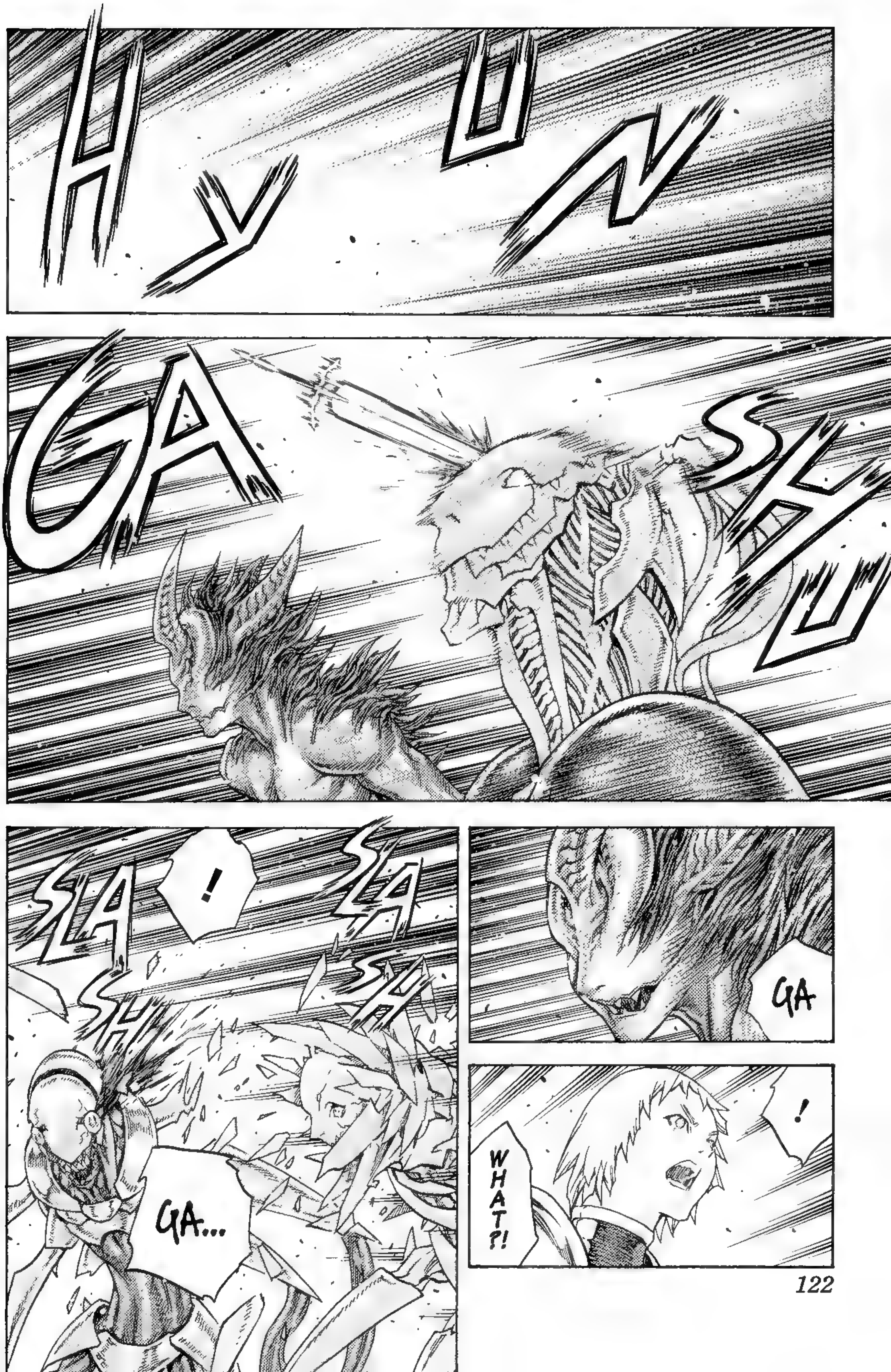
READ THIS WAY

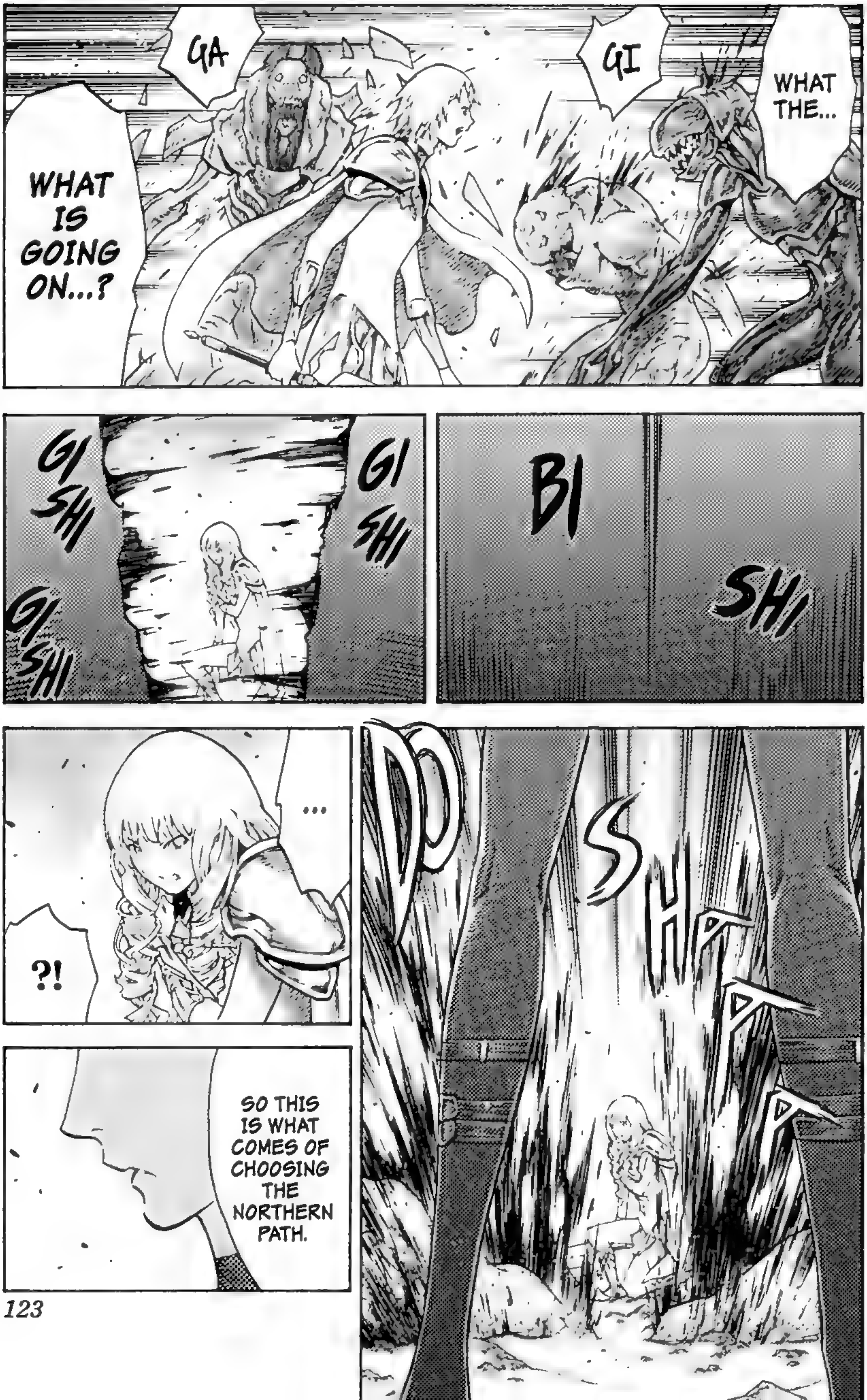

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
C'MON, PHINA...
...HANG IN THERE.
UNGH...
UNGH... UNGH...
!
ZA
THERE ARE...
...EVEN MORE...
!

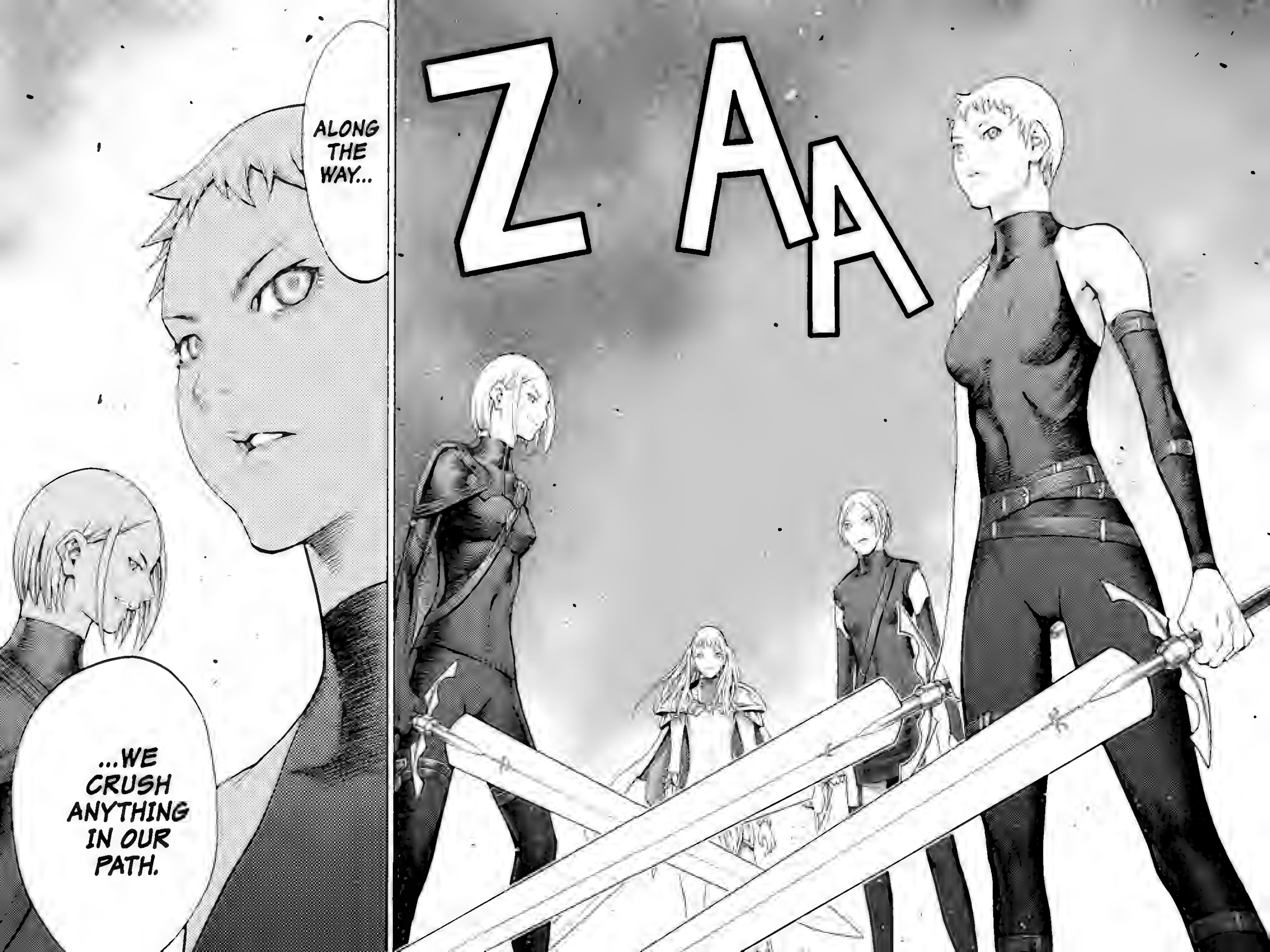

ZU
NIKE.
THERE'S MORE YOMA ENERGY...
...FROM THAT DIRECTION.
SHA
NO WAY...
DOES THAT MEAN THERE ARE MORE OF THEM?
SHIT!
DOMP
ZA A A
GI
GYA
GYA-HI

READ THIS WAY


THIS WAY'S NO GOOD!
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, ANASTASIA.
GYUA
GAA
DO
UGH...
!
SHIT...
SO THIS IS THE END...


HYUN
GASHU
GA
!
WHAT?!
SLASH
!
SLASH
GA...


WHAT THE...
GI
GA
WHAT IS GOING ON...?
BI
SHI
GI SHI
GI SHI
GI SHI
DOSHATATA
...
?!
SO THIS IS WHAT COMES OF CHOOSING THE NORTHERN PATH.


ZAA
ALONG THE WAY...
...WE CRUSH ANYTHING IN OUR PATH.

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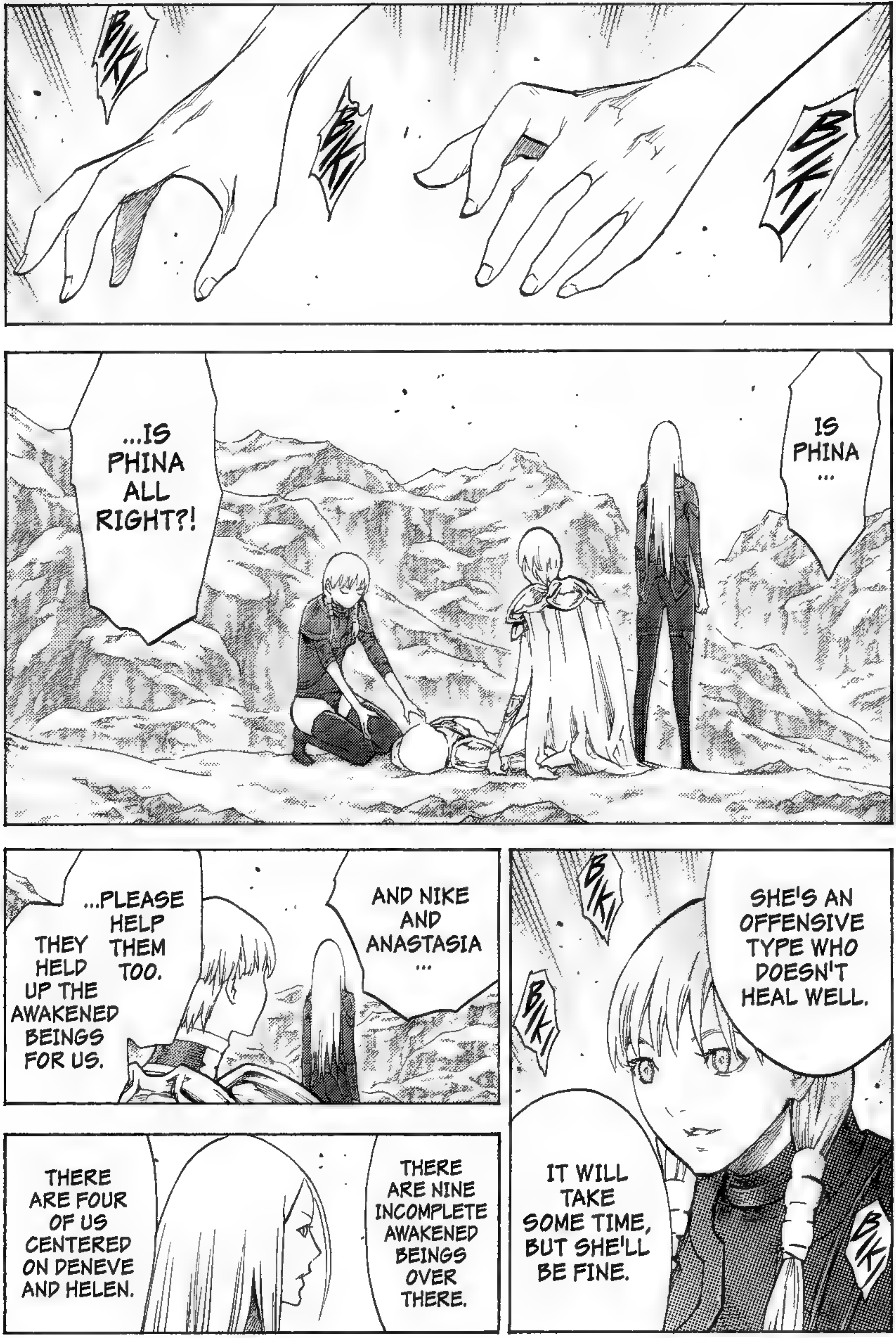
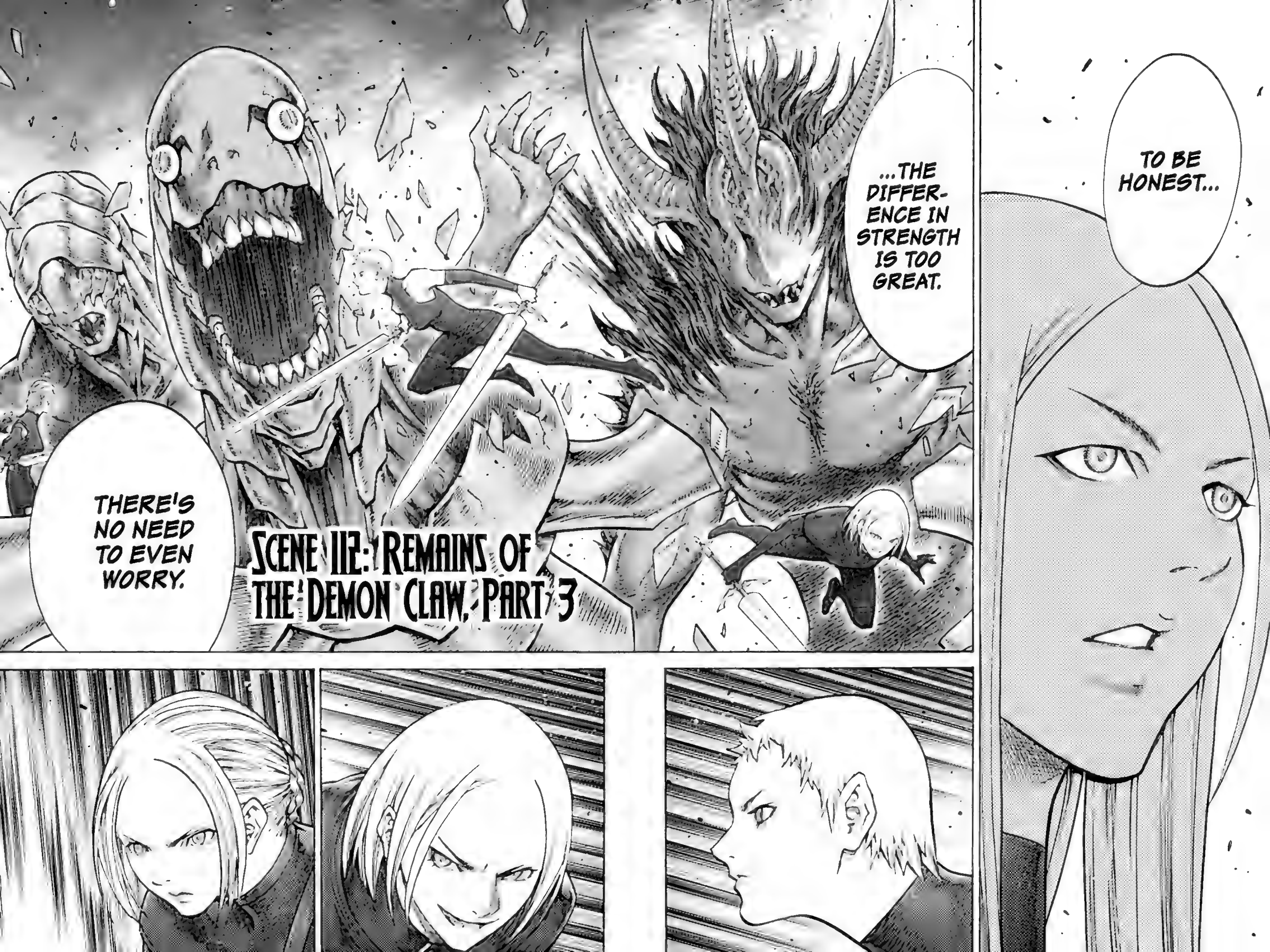
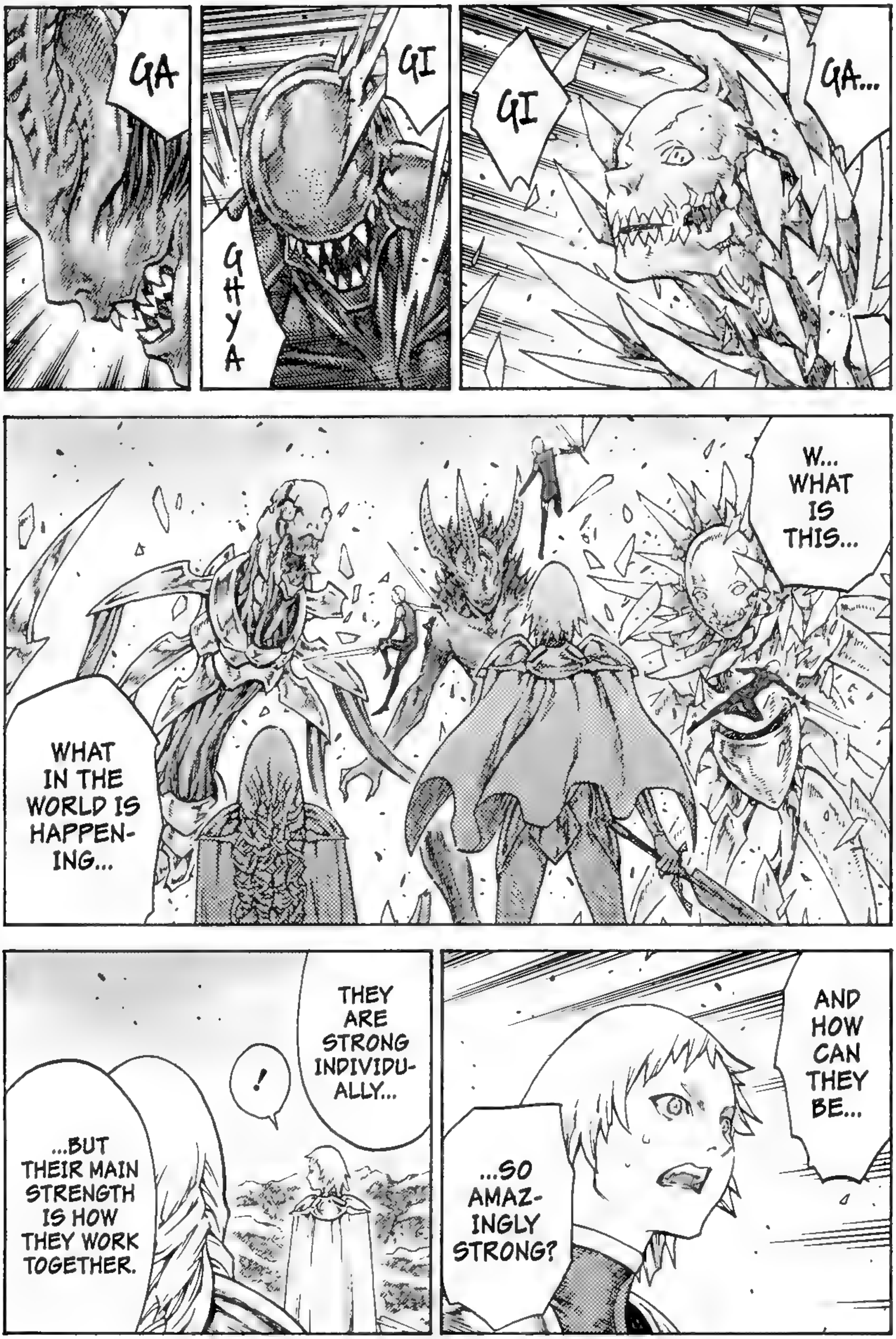
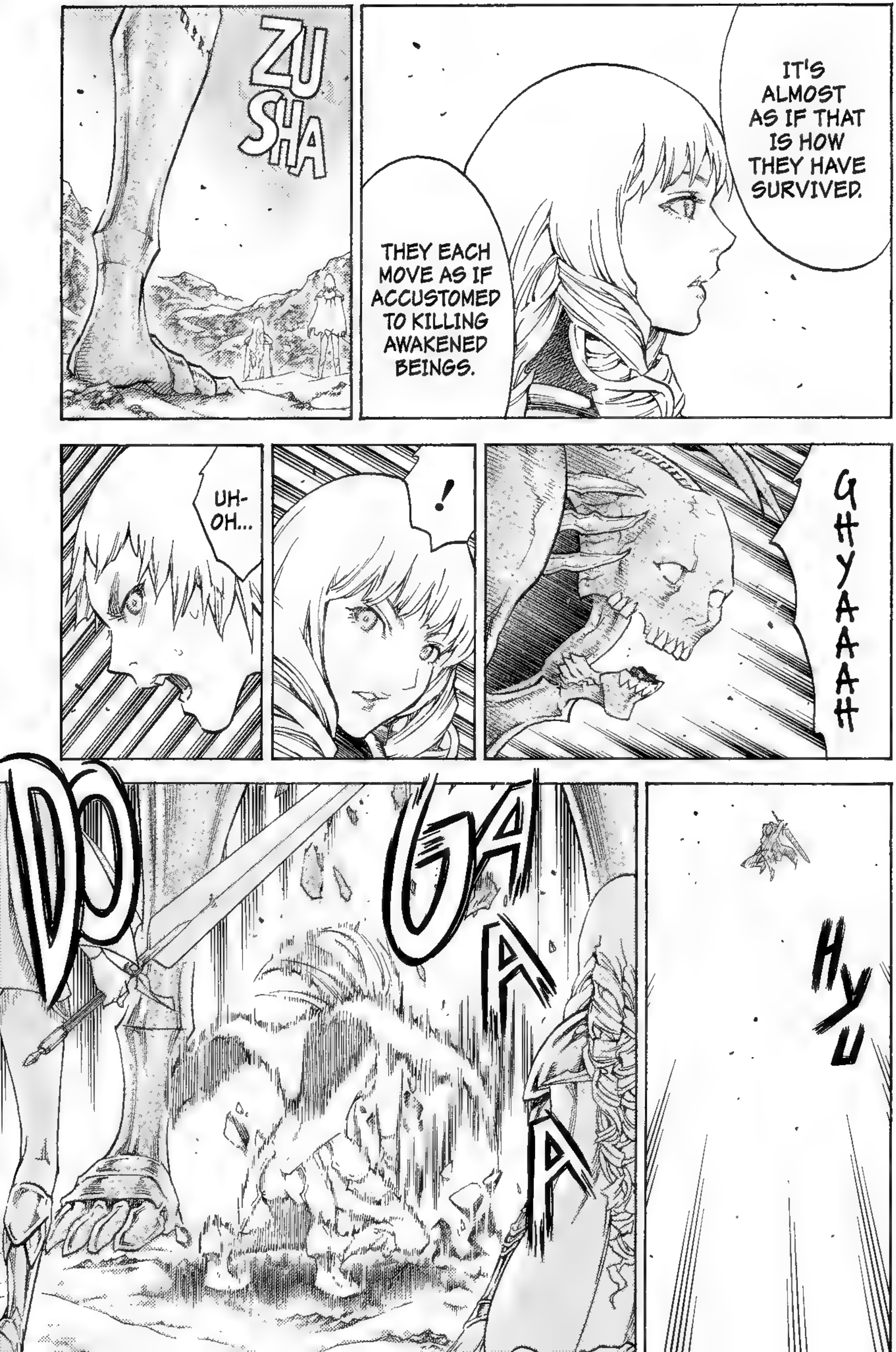

BIKI
BIKI
BIKI
IS PHINA ...
...IS PHINA ALL RIGHT?!
BIKI
BIKI
SHE'S AN OFFENSIVE TYPE WHO DOESN'T HEAL WELL.
BIKI
IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME, BUT SHE'LL BE FINE.
AND NIKE AND ANASTASIA ...
...PLEASE HELP THEM TOO.
THEY HELD UP THE AWAKENED BEINGS FOR US.
THERE ARE NINE INCOMPLETE AWAKENED BEINGS OVER THERE.
THERE ARE FOUR OF US CENTERED ON DENEVE AND HELEN.

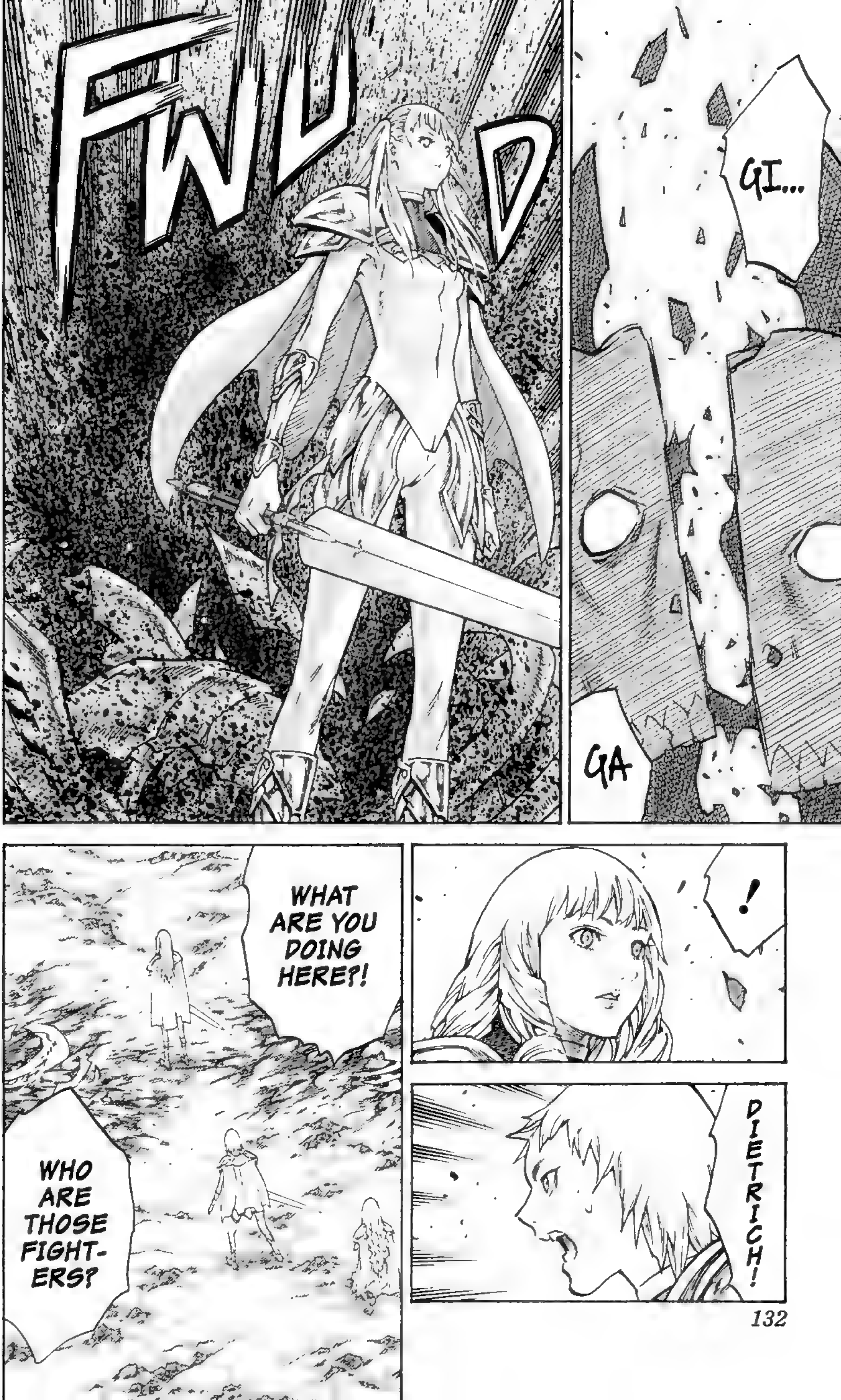
SCENE 112: REMAINS OF THE DEMON CLAW, PART 3


TO BE HONEST...
...THE DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH IS TOO GREAT.
THERE'S NO NEED TO EVEN WORRY.

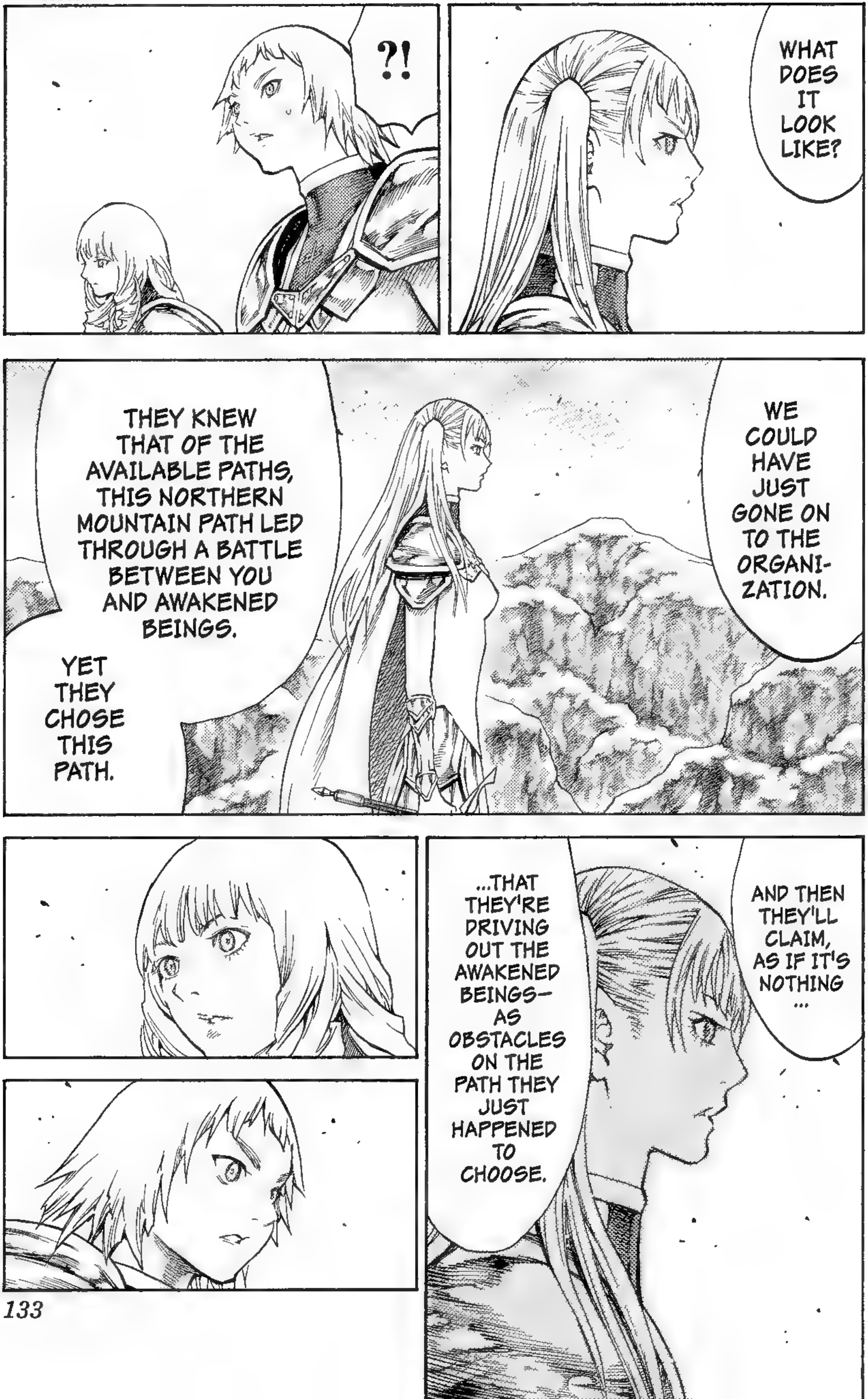

GA...
GI
GI
GHYA
GA
W... WHAT IS THIS...
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING...
AND HOW CAN THEY BE...
...SO AMAZINGLY STRONG?
THEY ARE STRONG INDIVIDUALLY...
!
...BUT THEIR MAIN STRENGTH IS HOW THEY WORK TOGETHER.

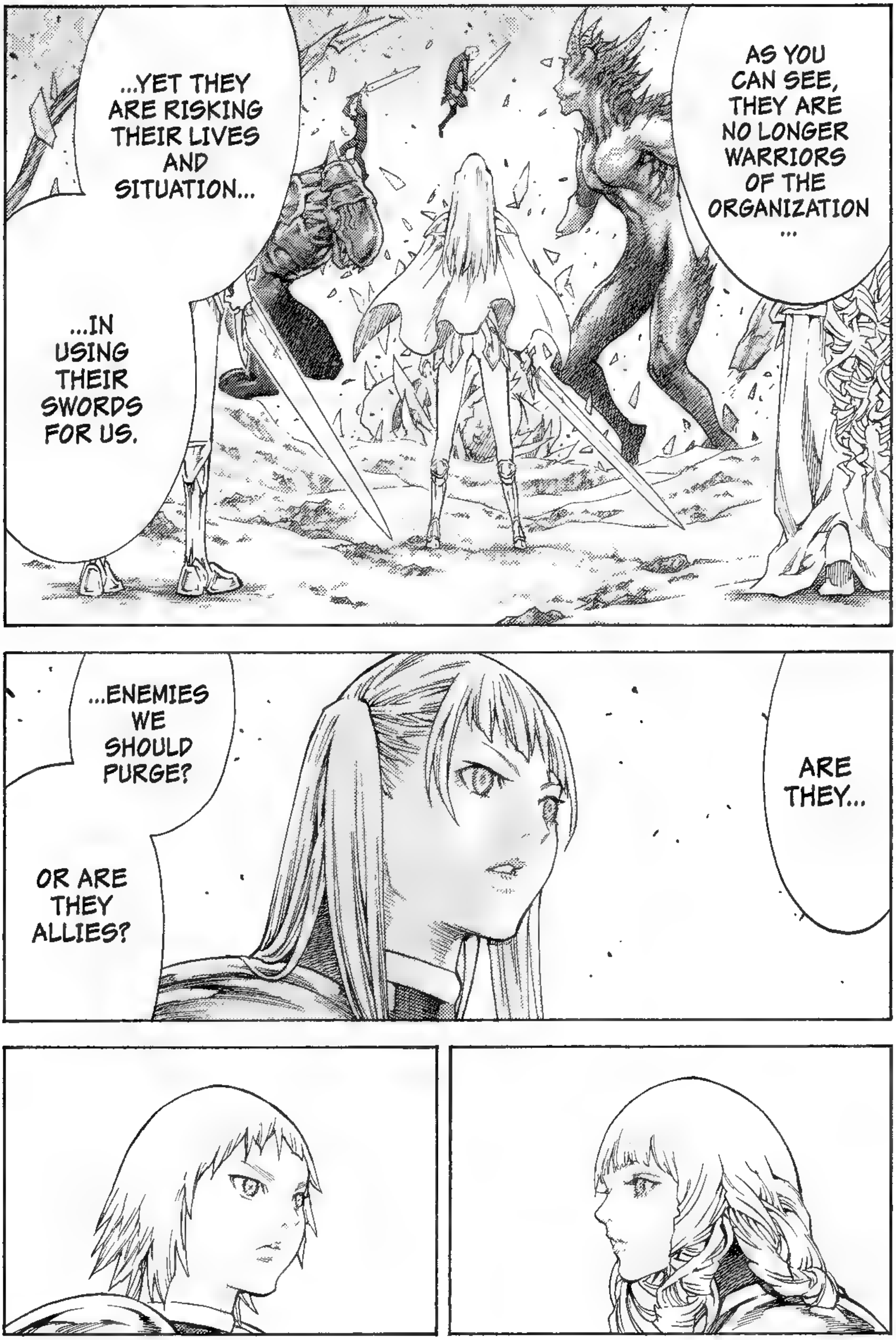
READ THIS WAY


THEY EACH MOVE AS IF ACCUSTOMED TO KILLING AWAKENED BEINGS.
IT'S ALMOST AS IF THAT IS HOW THEY HAVE SURVIVED.
ZUSHA
GHYAAAAH
!
UH-OH...
HYU
DOGAAAA

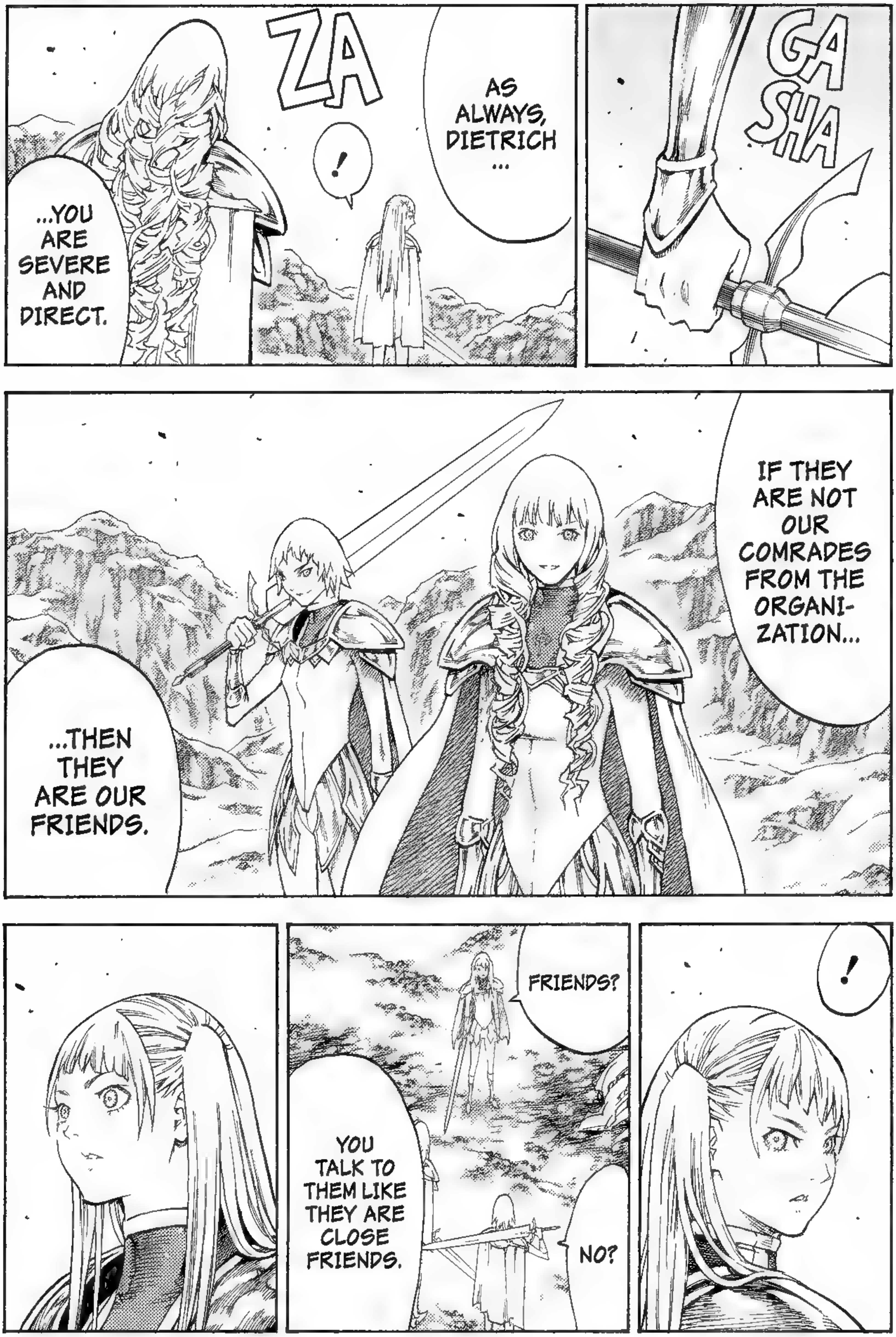

GI...
GA
FWUD
!
DIETRICH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
WHO ARE THOSE FIGHTERS?

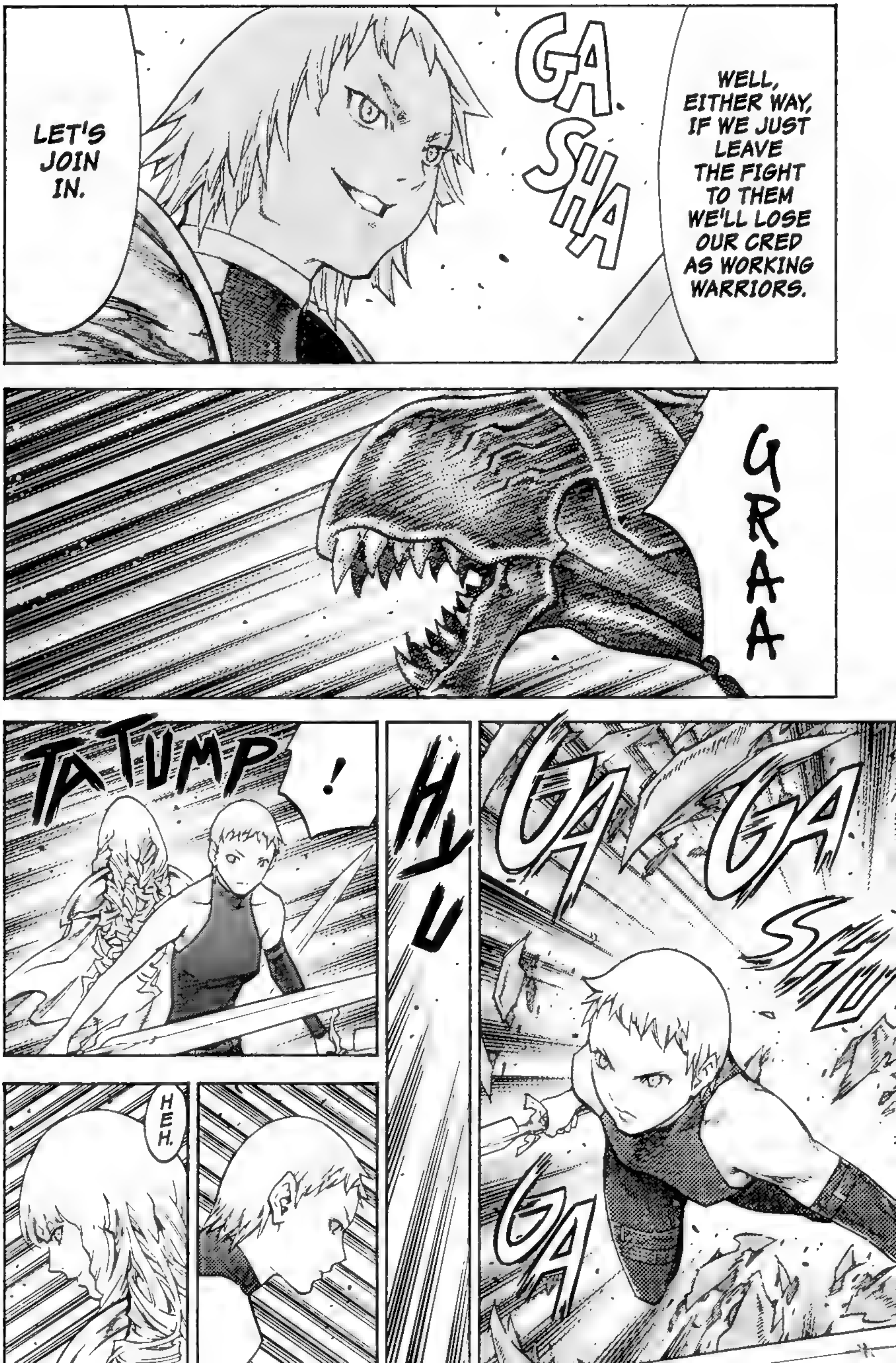
READ THIS WAY

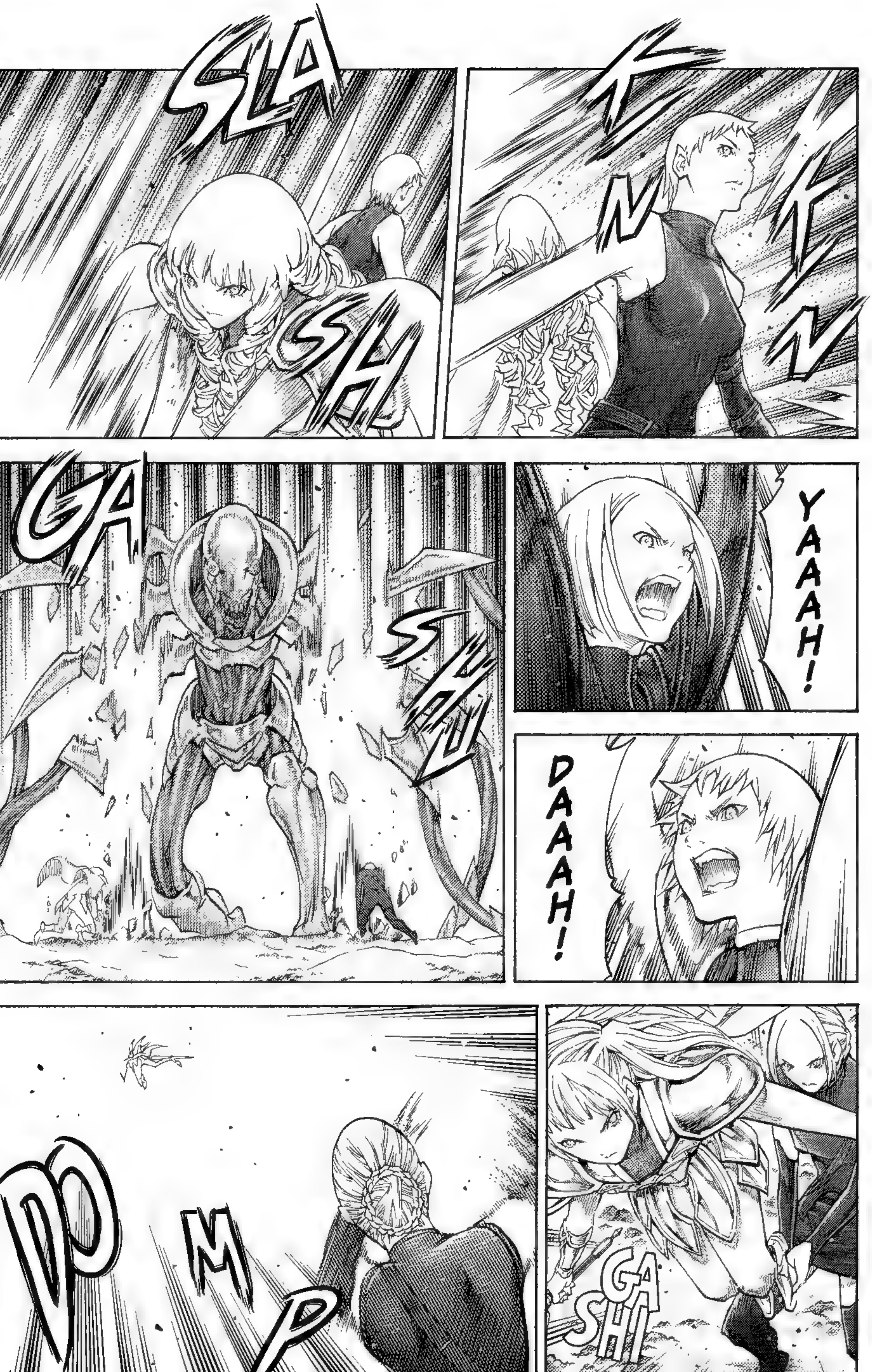

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
?!
WE COULD HAVE JUST GONE ON TO THE ORGANIZATION.
THEY KNEW THAT OF THE AVAILABLE PATHS, THIS NORTHERN MOUNTAIN PATH LED THROUGH A BATTLE BETWEEN YOU AND AWAKENED BEINGS.
YET THEY CHOSE THIS PATH.
AND THEN THEY'LL CLAIM, AS IF IT'S NOTHING...
...THAT THEY'RE DRIVING OUT THE AWAKENED BEINGS—AS OBSTACLES ON THE PATH THEY JUST HAPPENED TO CHOOSE.

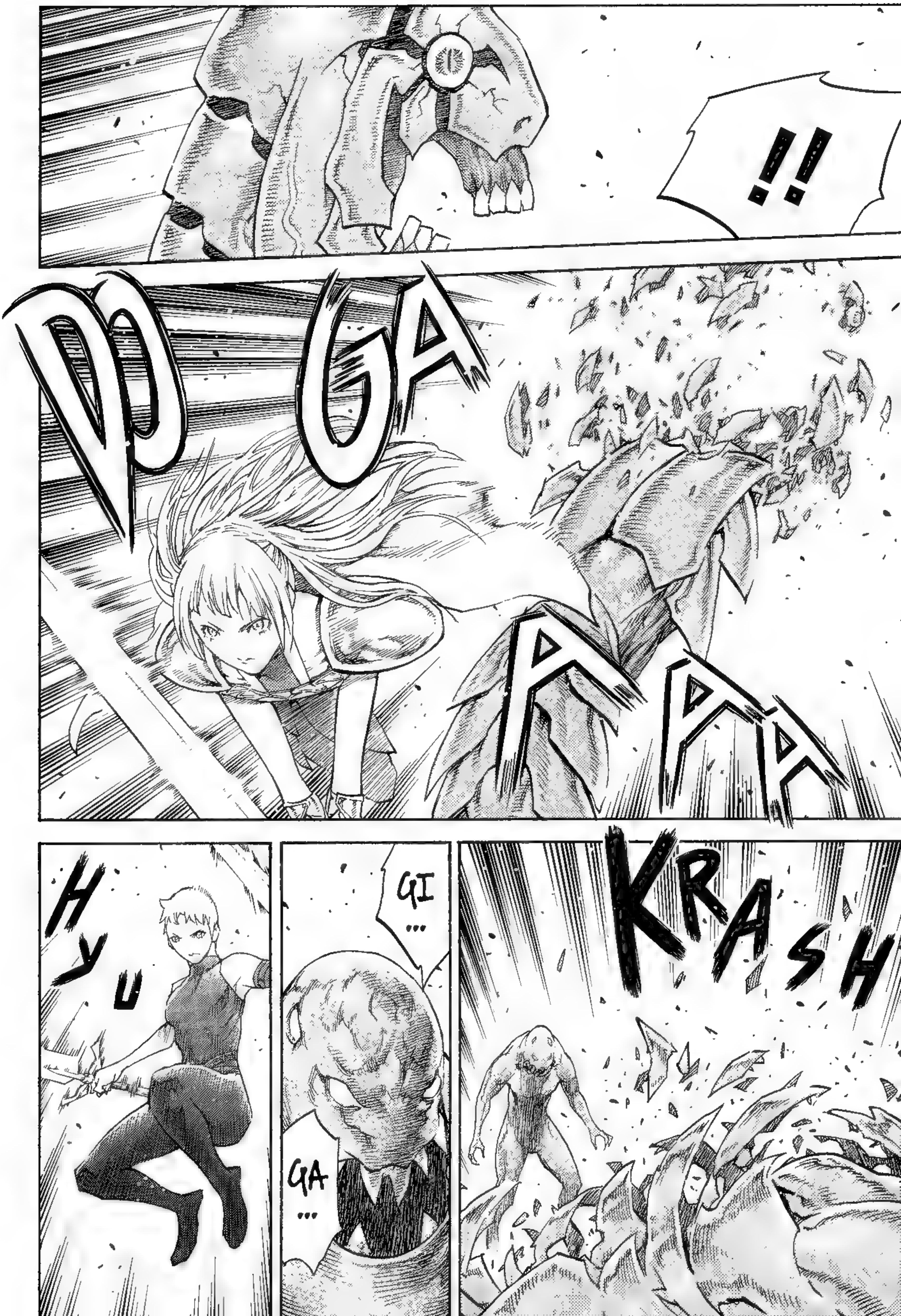

AS YOU CAN SEE, THEY ARE NO LONGER WARRIORS OF THE ORGANIZATION...
...YET THEY ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES AND SITUATION...
...IN USING THEIR SWORDS FOR US.
ARE THEY...
...ENEMIES WE SHOULD PURGE?
OR ARE THEY ALLIES?

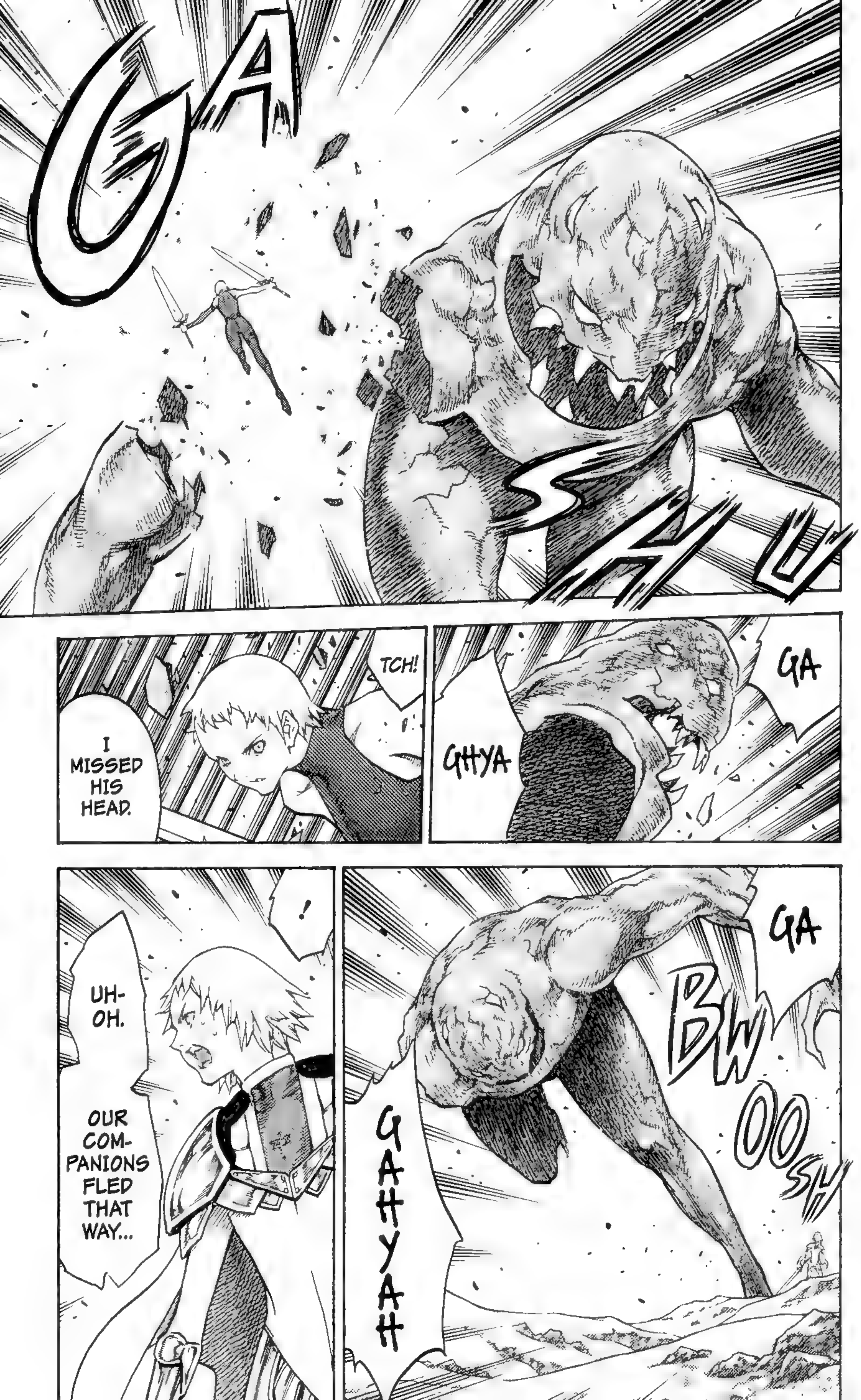
READ THIS WAY

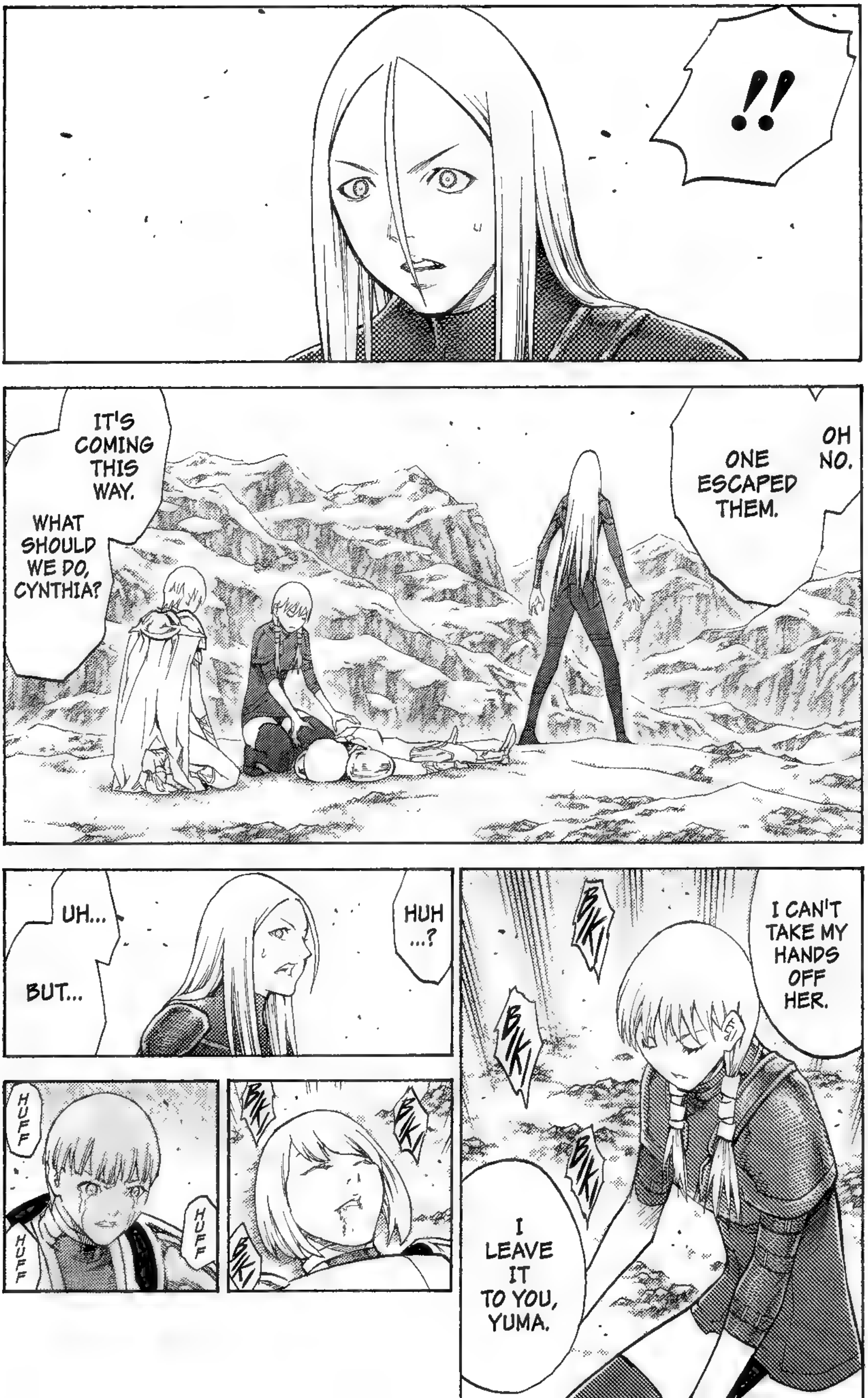

GA SHA
AS ALWAYS, DIETRICH ...
ZA
!
...YOU ARE SEVERE AND DIRECT.
IF THEY ARE NOT OUR COMRADES FROM THE ORGANIZATION...
...THEN THEY ARE OUR FRIENDS.
!
FRIENDS?
YOU TALK TO THEM LIKE THEY ARE CLOSE FRIENDS.
NO?


WELL, EITHER WAY, IF WE JUST LEAVE THE FIGHT TO THEM WE'LL LOSE OUR CRED AS WORKING WARRIORS.
GASHA
LET'S JOIN IN.
GRAA
GA GA SHU
GA
HYU
!
TATUMP
HEH.

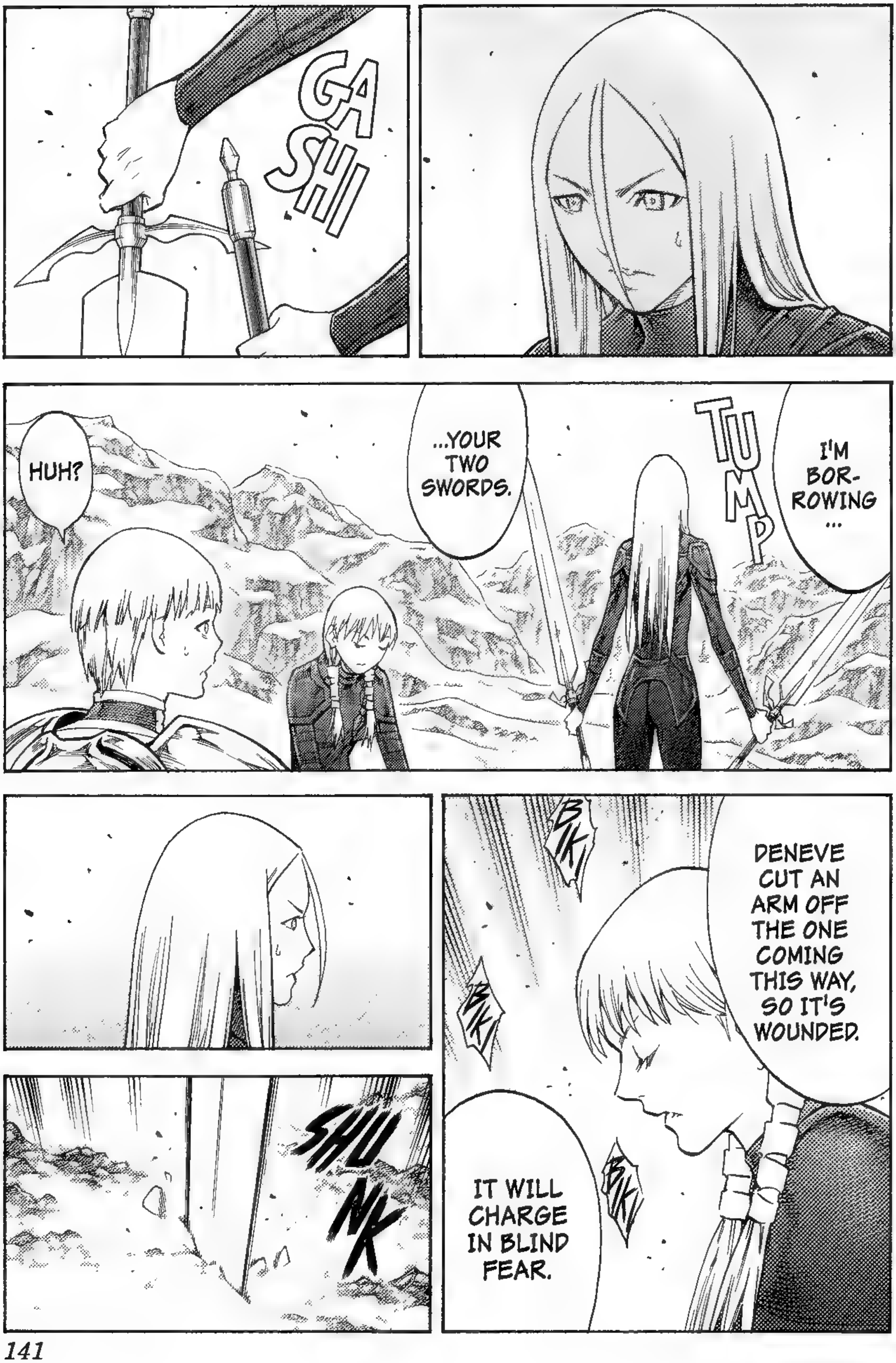

KIN KIN
SLASH
YAAAAH!
DAAAAH!
GASHU
GASH
DOMP

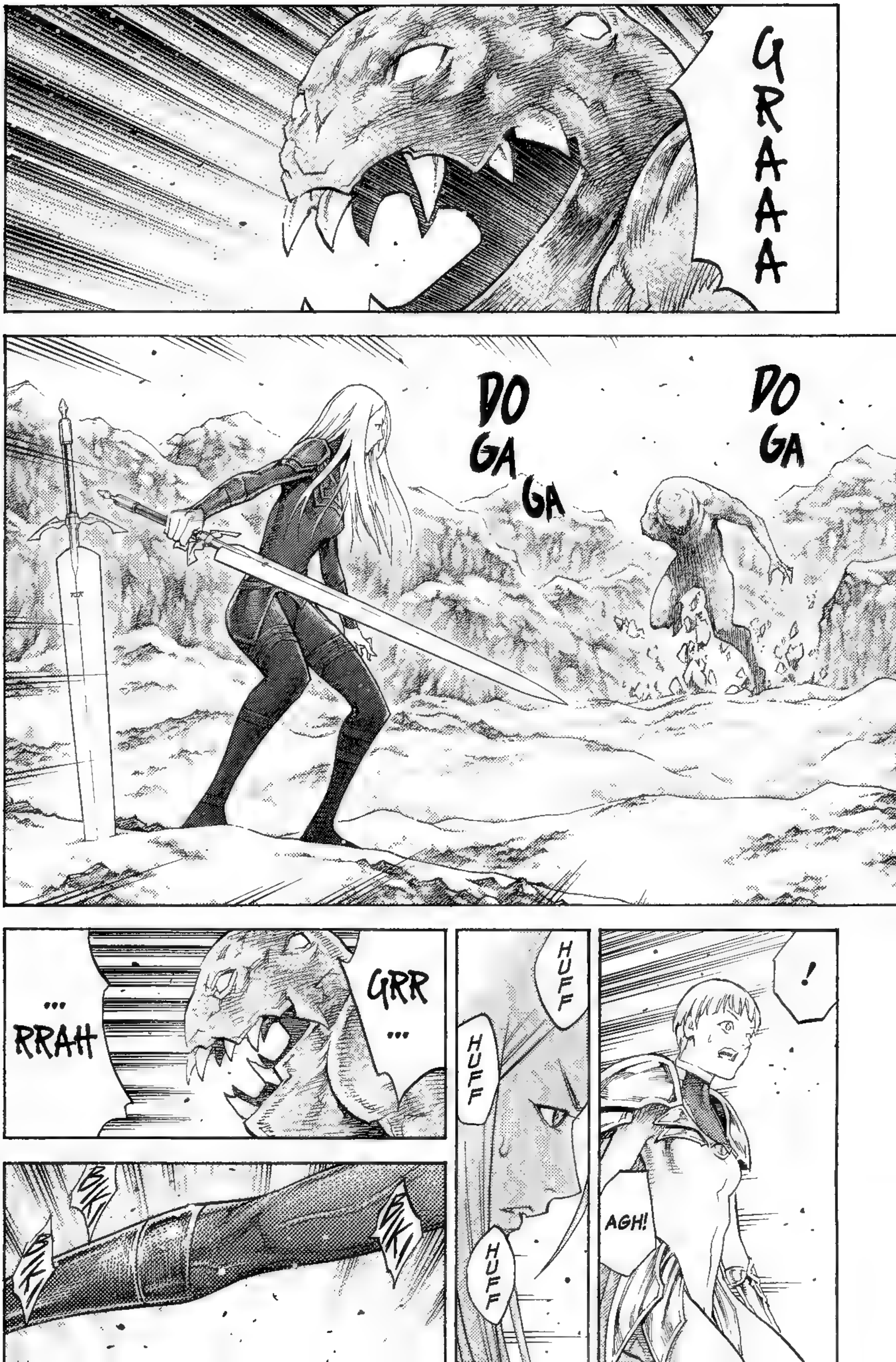

!!
DGA
AAA
KRASH
GI ...
GA ...
HYU

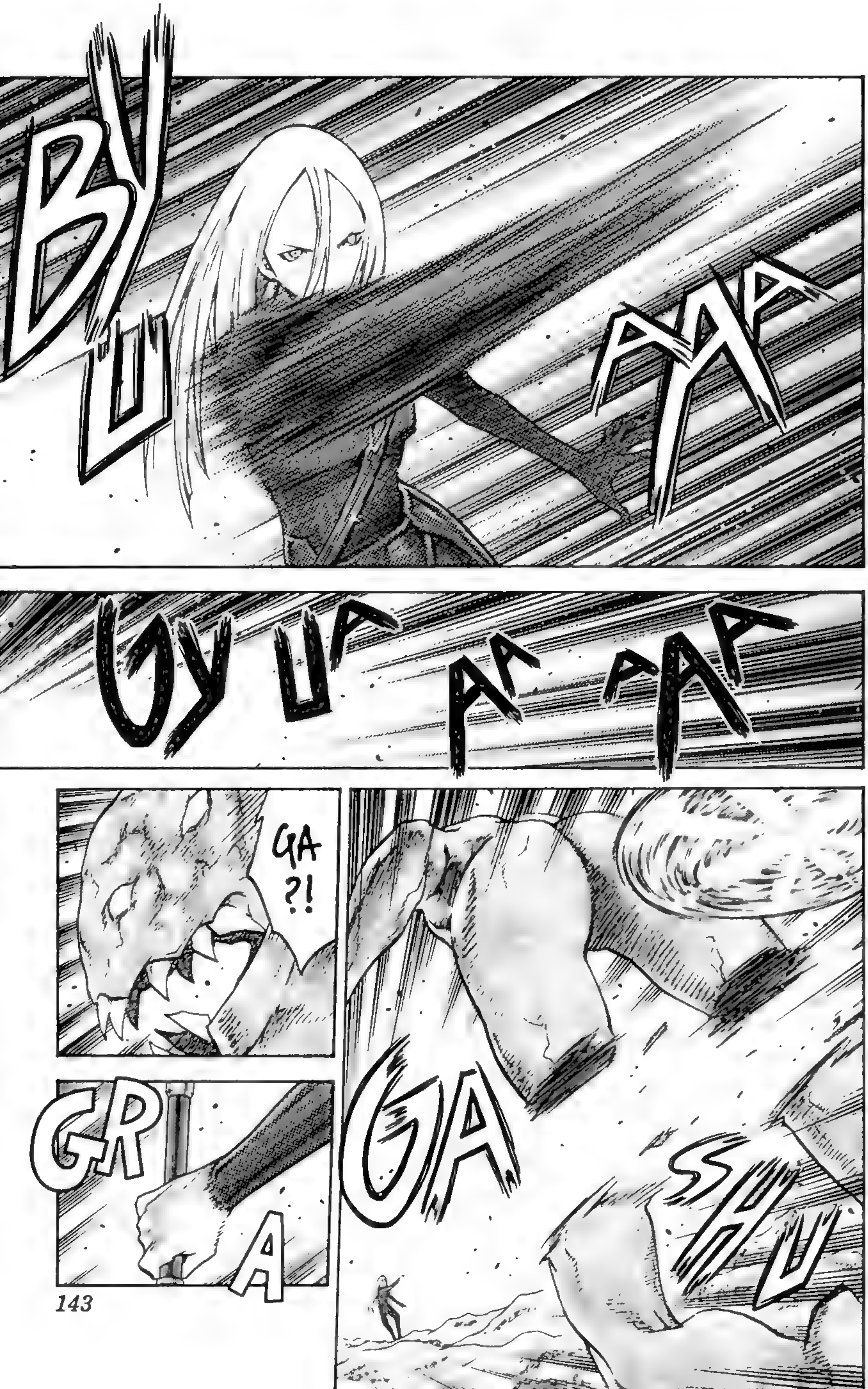

GA
SHU
GA
GHYA
TCH!
I MISSED HIS HEAD.
GA
BWOOSH
GAHYAH
!
UH-OH.
OUR COMPANIONS FLED THAT WAY...


!!
OH NO.
ONE ESCAPED THEM.
IT'S COMING THIS WAY.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, CYNTHIA?
I CAN'T TAKE MY HANDS OFF HER.
BIKI
BIKI
BIKI
I LEAVE IT TO YOU, YUMA.
HUH ...?
UH...
BUT...
BIKI
BIKI
BIKI
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

READ THIS WAY


GASHI
I'M BORROWING...
TUMP
...YOUR TWO SWORDS.
HUH?
BIKI
DENEVE CUT AN ARM OFF THE ONE COMING THIS WAY, SO IT'S WOUNDED.
BIKI
BIKI
IT WILL CHARGE IN BLIND FEAR.
SHUNK


GRAAAA
DO GA
DO GA GA
!
AGH!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
GRR ...
... RRAH
BKK
BKK
BKK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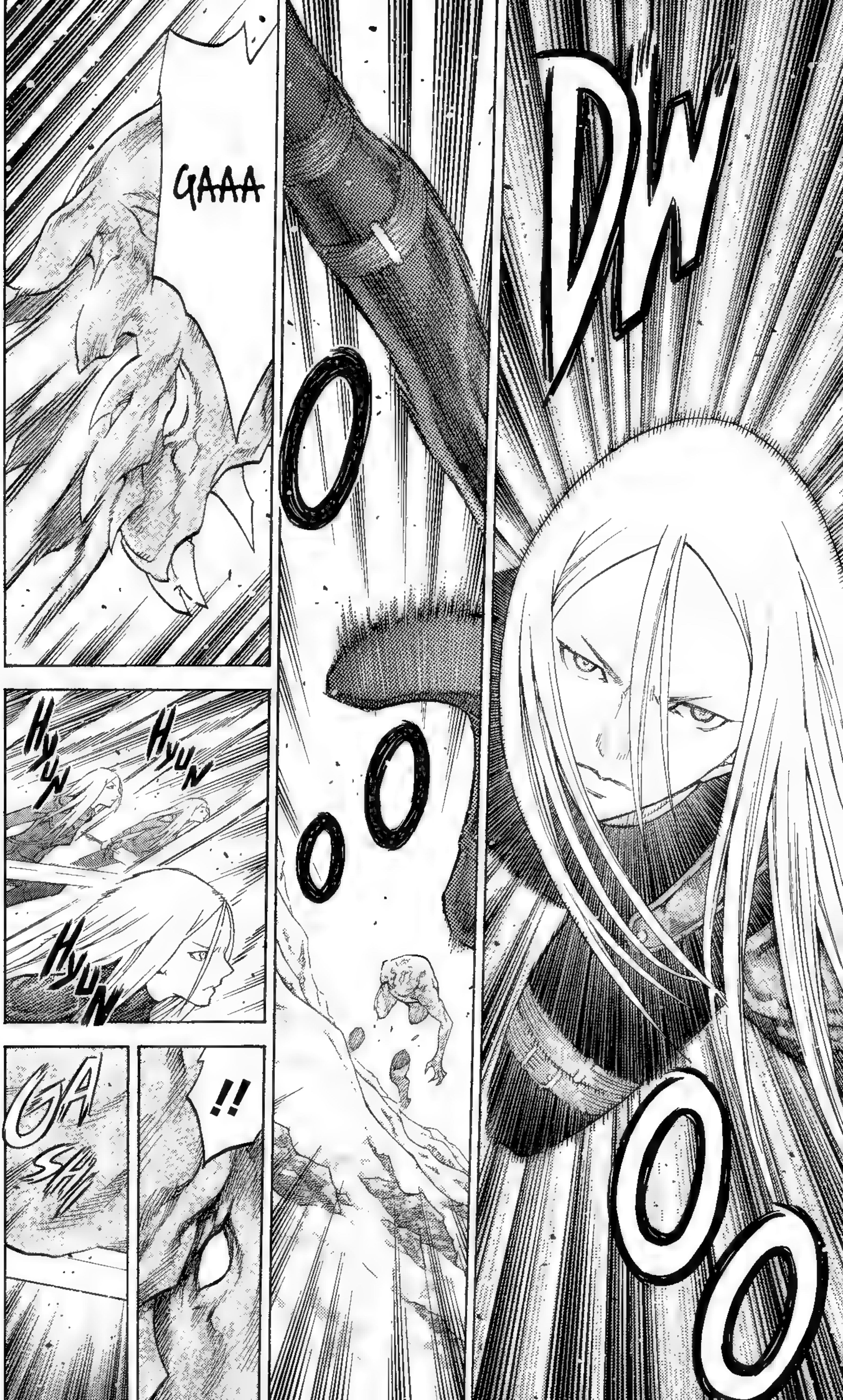
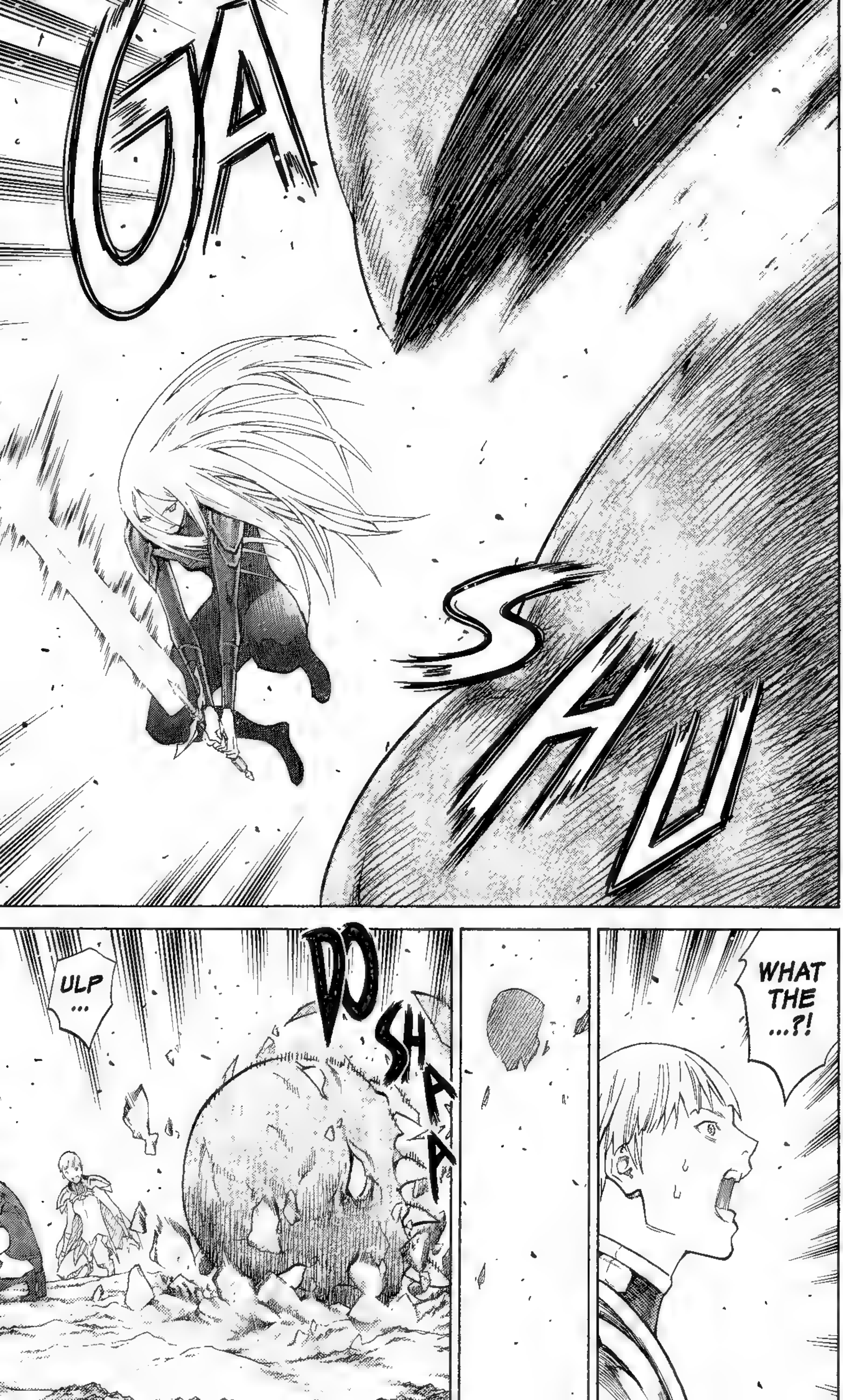
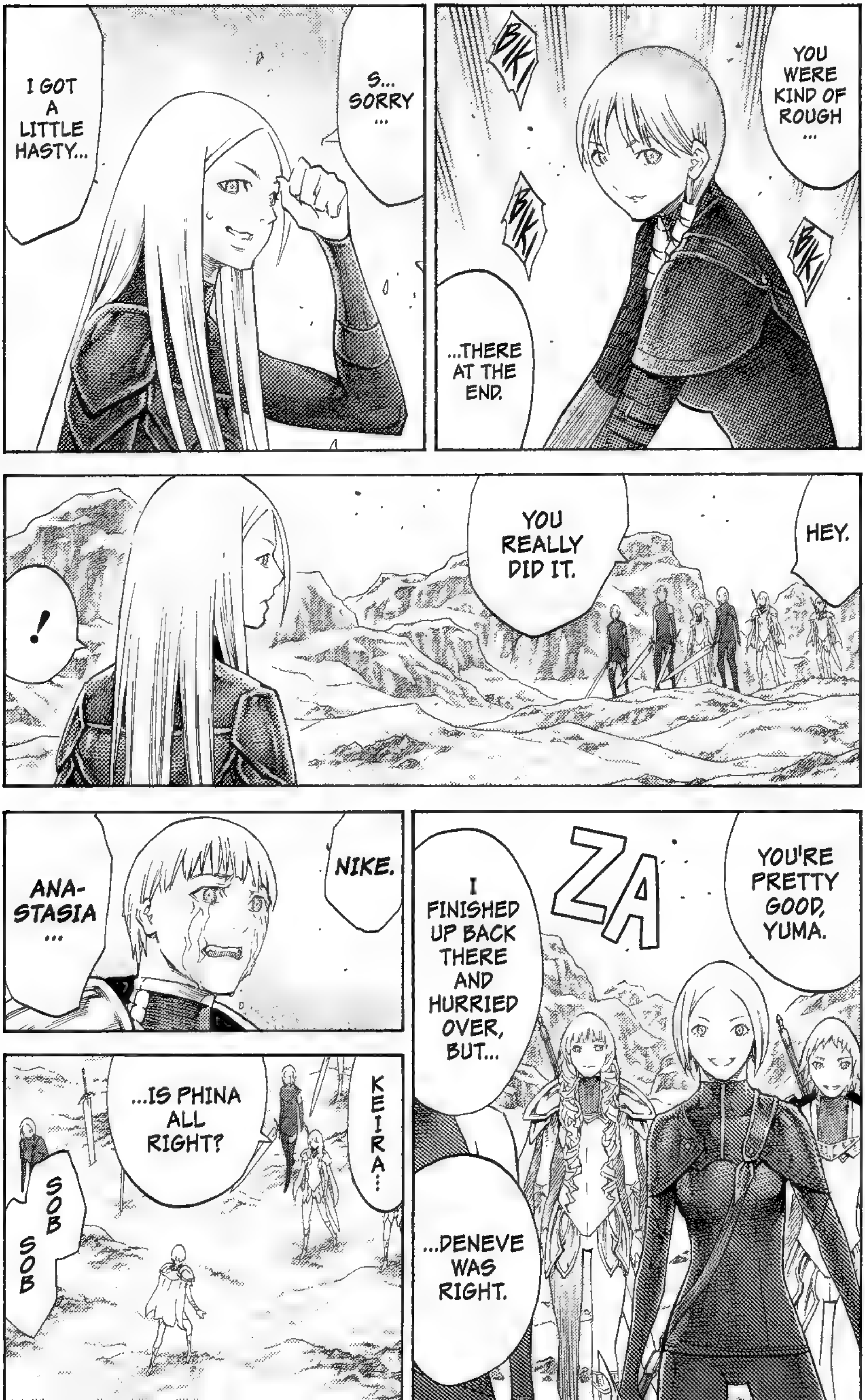
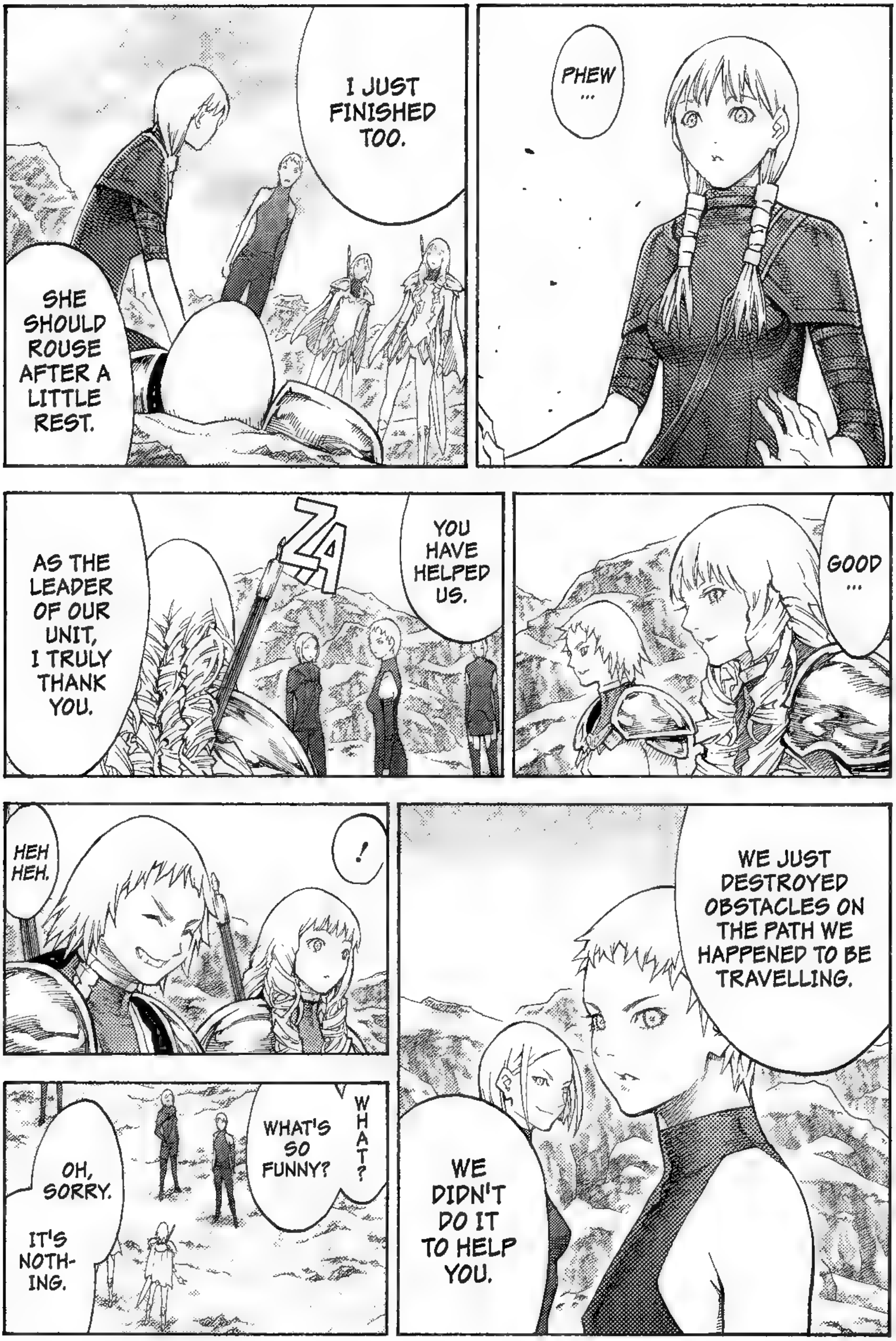
AAA
GYUAAAAA
GASHU
GA?!
GRIA

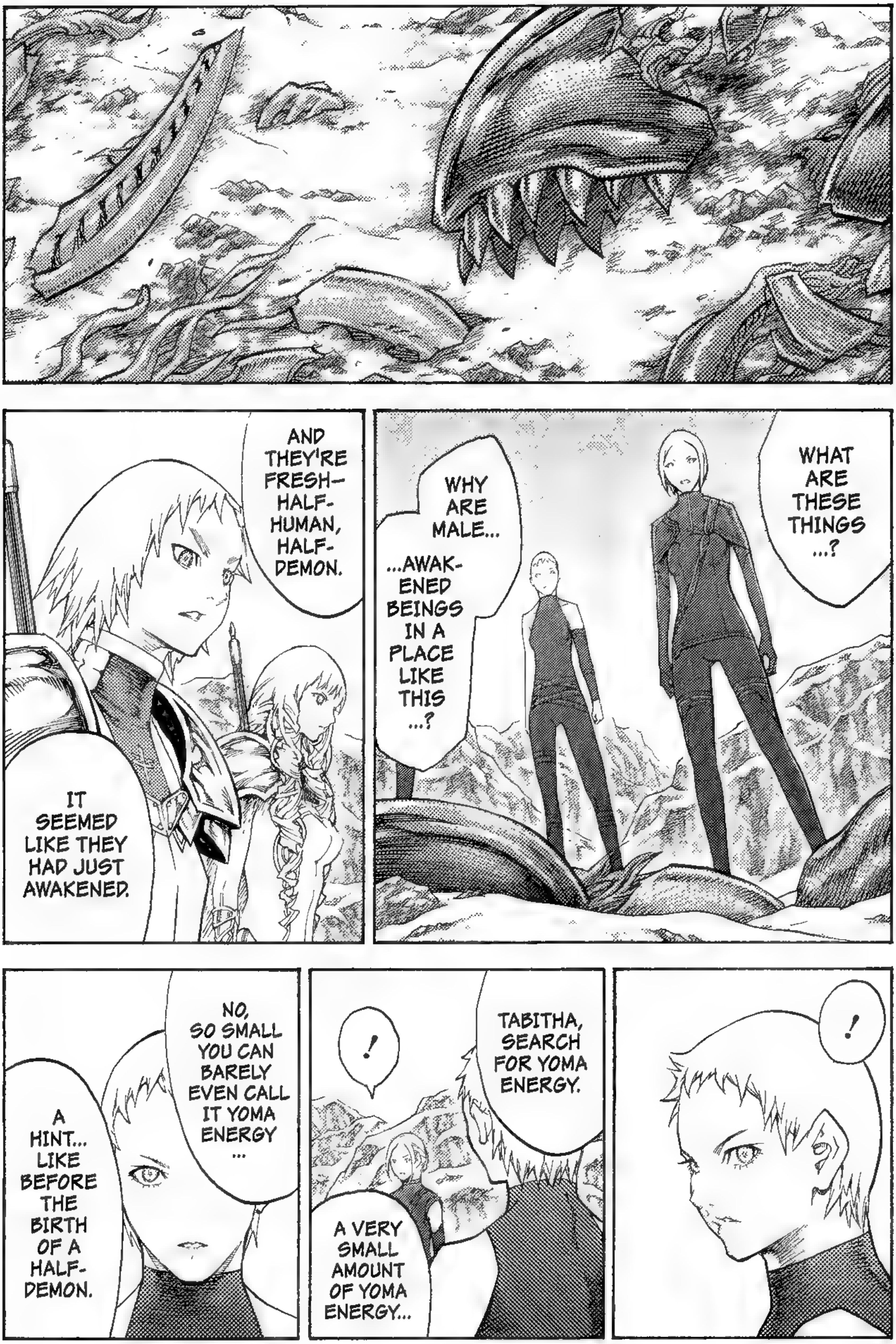

DWOOOO
OOO
GAAA
HYUN
HYUN
HYUN
!!
GASH


SHU
GA
WHAT THE ...?!
DOSHAA
ULP ...

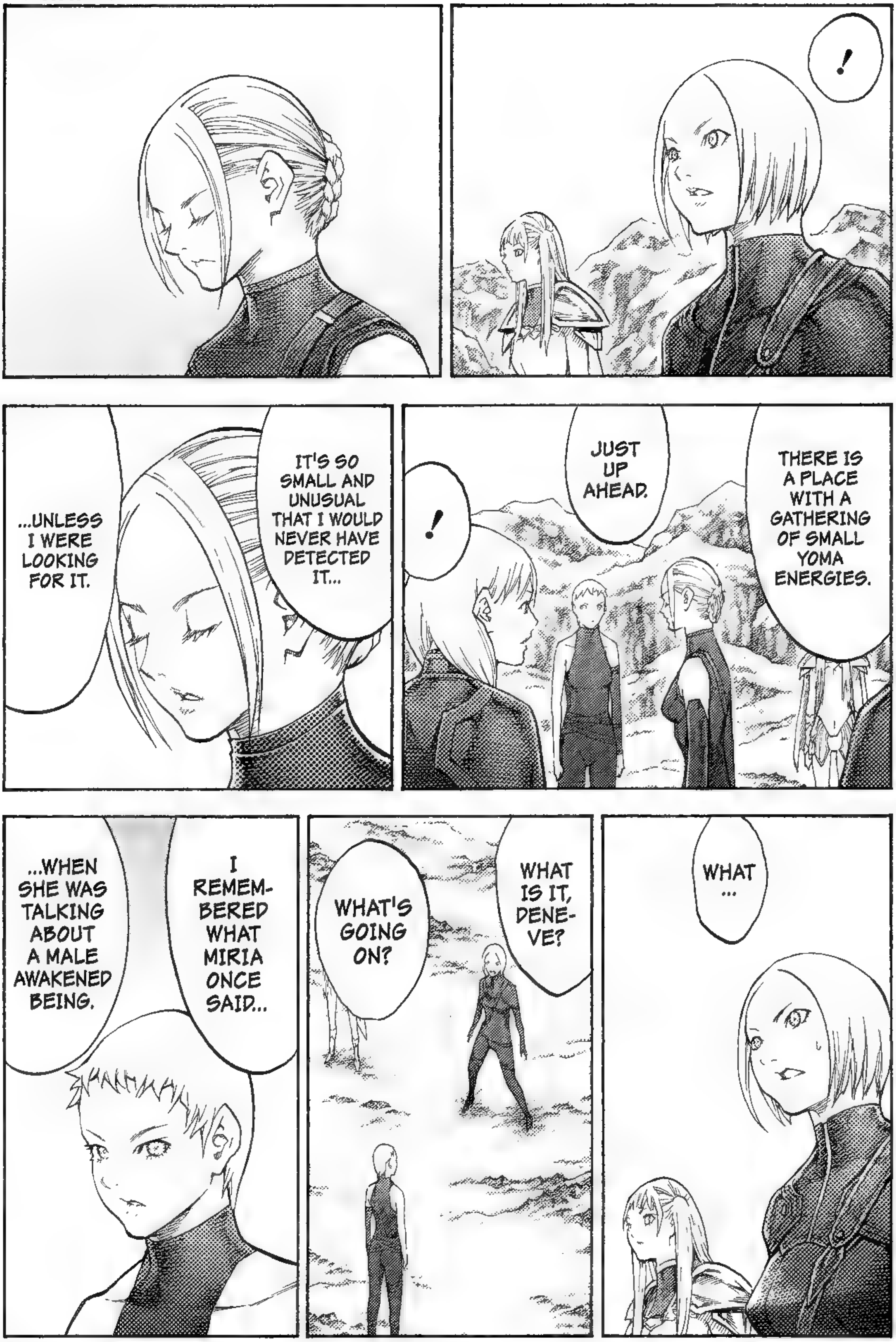

BIKI
BIKI
BIKI
YOU WERE KIND OF ROUGH...
...THERE AT THE END.
S... SORRY...
I GOT A LITTLE HASTY...
HEY.
YOU REALLY DID IT.
!
YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, YUMA.
ZA
I FINISHED UP BACK THERE AND HURRIED OVER, BUT...
...DENEVE WAS RIGHT.
NIKE.
ANA-STASIA...
KEIRA...
...IS PHINA ALL RIGHT?
SOB SOB

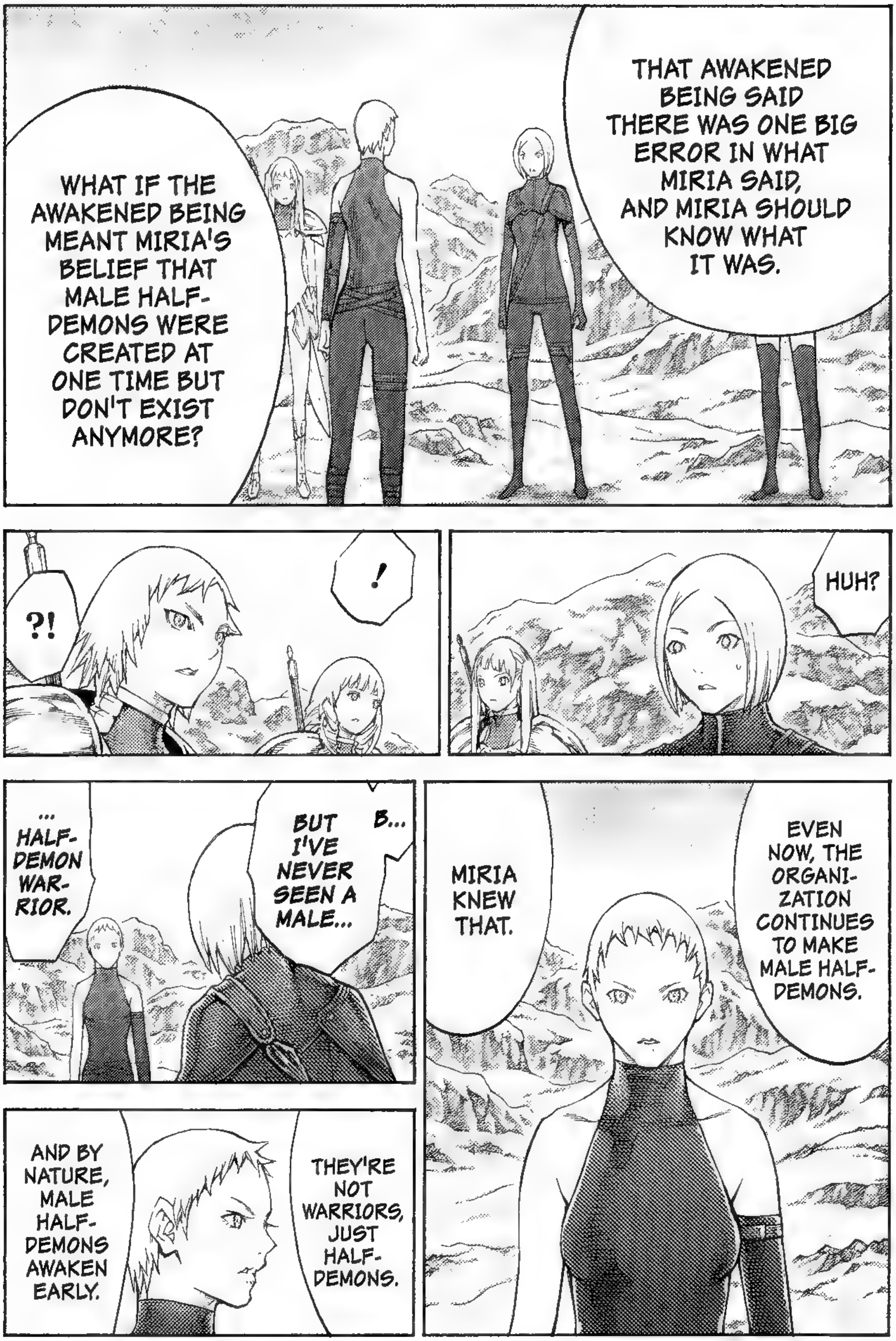
READ THIS WAY


PHEW ...
I JUST FINISHED TOO.
SHE SHOULD ROUSE AFTER A LITTLE REST.
GOOD ...
YOU HAVE HELPED US.
ZA
AS THE LEADER OF OUR UNIT, I TRULY THANK YOU.
WE JUST DESTROYED OBSTACLES ON THE PATH WE HAPPENED TO BE TRAVELLING.
WE DIDN'T DO IT TO HELP YOU.
!
HEH HEH.
WHAT?
WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
OH, SORRY.
IT'S NOTHING.

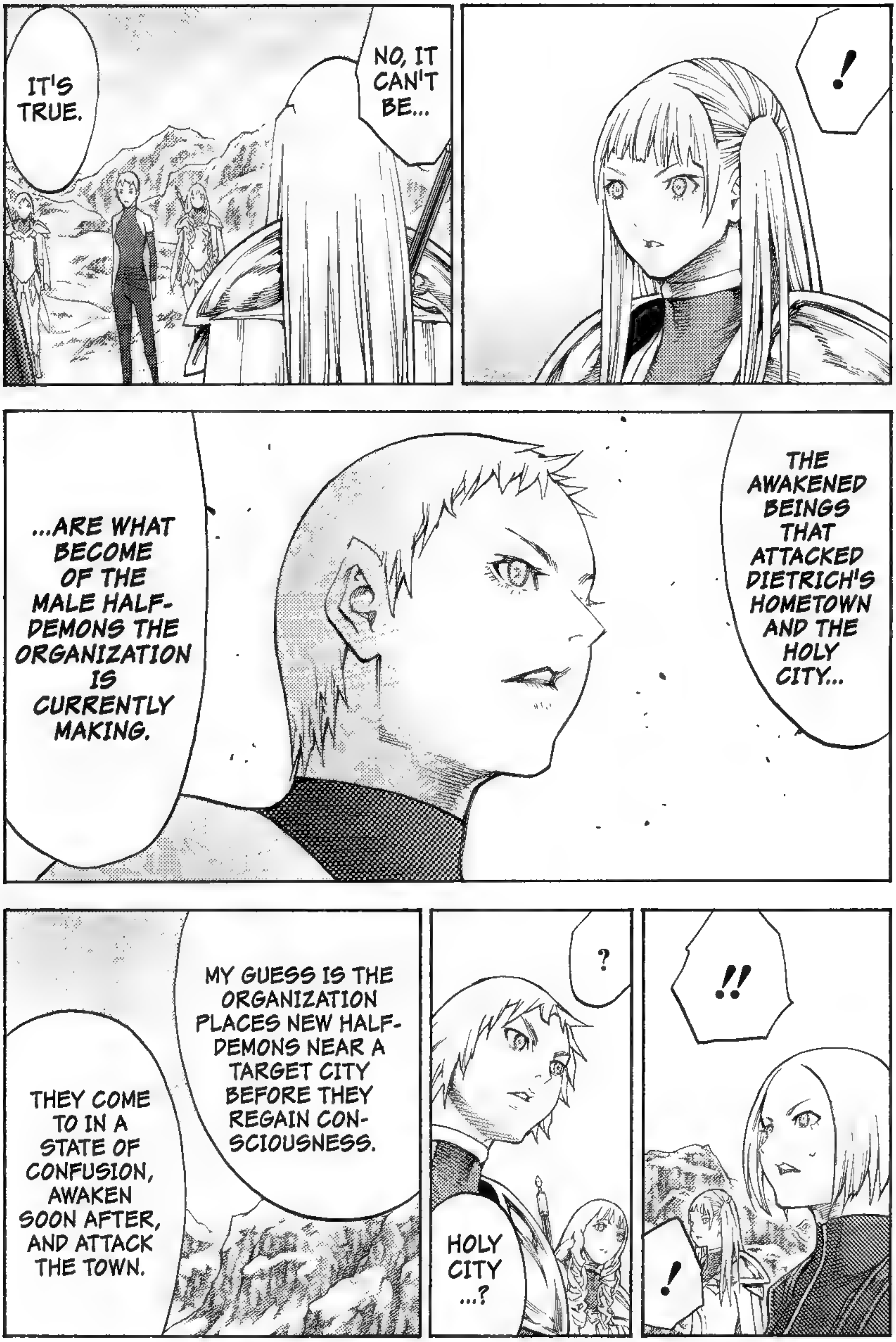

WHAT ARE THESE THINGS ...?
WHY ARE MALE...
...AWAKENED BEINGS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS ...?
AND THEY'RE FRESH— HALF-HUMAN, HALF-DEMON.
IT SEEMED LIKE THEY HAD JUST AWAKENED.
!
TABITHA, SEARCH FOR YOMA ENERGY.
!
A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF YOMA ENERGY...
NO, SO SMALL YOU CAN BARELY EVEN CALL IT YOMA ENERGY ...
A HINT... LIKE BEFORE THE BIRTH OF A HALF-DEMON.

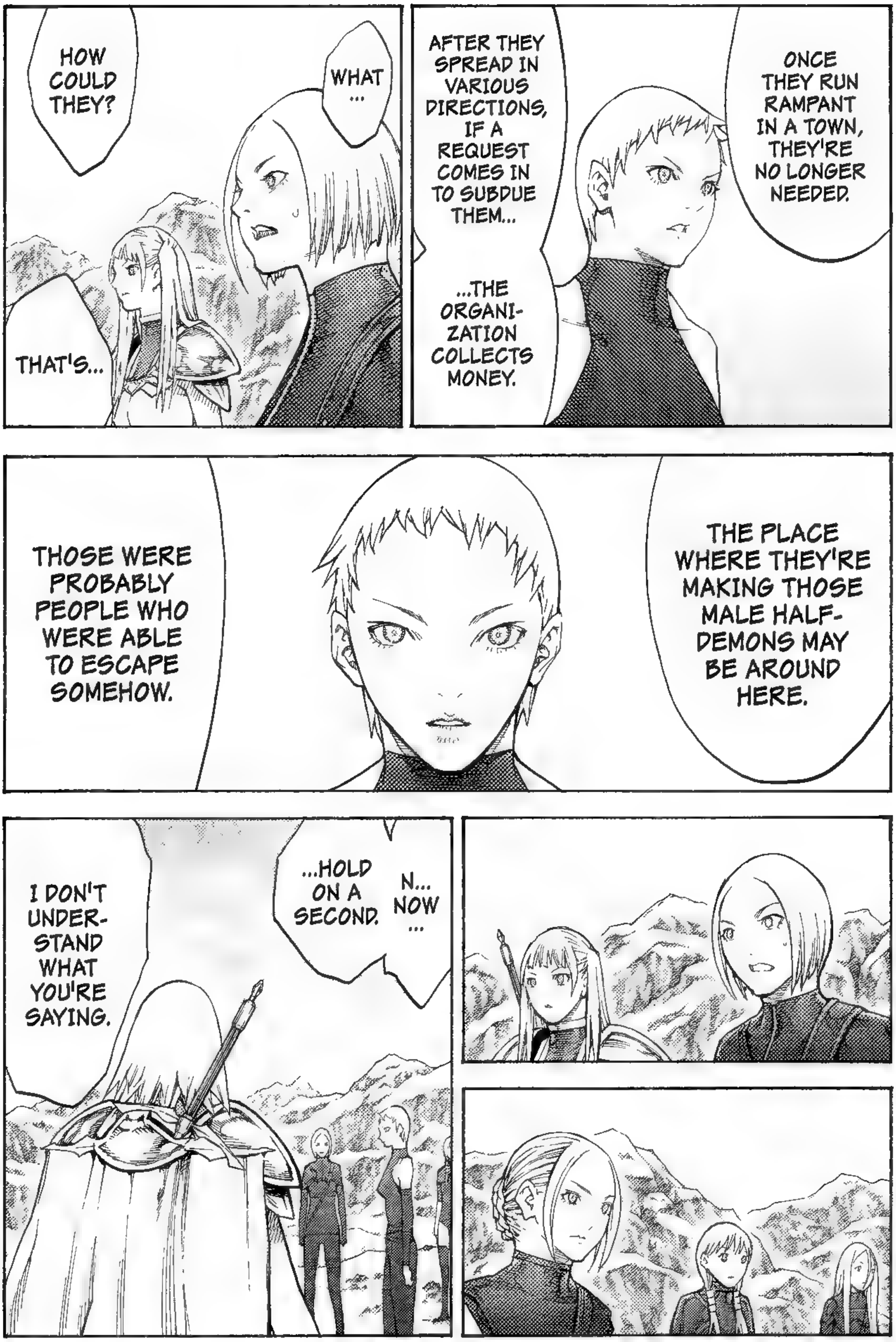
READ THIS WAY


!
THERE IS A PLACE WITH A GATHERING OF SMALL YOMA ENERGIES.
JUST UP AHEAD.
!
IT'S SO SMALL AND UNUSUAL THAT I WOULD NEVER HAVE DETECTED IT...
...UNLESS I WERE LOOKING FOR IT.
WHAT ...
WHAT IS IT, DENEVE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I REMEMBERED WHAT MIRIA ONCE SAID...
...WHEN SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT A MALE AWAKENED BEING.


THAT AWAKENED BEING SAID THERE WAS ONE BIG ERROR IN WHAT MIRIA SAID, AND MIRIA SHOULD KNOW WHAT IT WAS.
WHAT IF THE AWAKENED BEING MEANT MIRIA'S BELIEF THAT MALE HALF-DEMONS WERE CREATED AT ONE TIME BUT DON'T EXIST ANYMORE?
HUH?
!
?!
EVEN NOW, THE ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO MAKE MALE HALF-DEMONS.
MIRIA KNEW THAT.
B...
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN A MALE...
...HALF-DEMON WARRIOR.
THEY'RE NOT WARRIORS, JUST HALF-DEMONS.
AND BY NATURE, MALE HALF-DEMONS AWAKEN EARLY.

READ THIS WAY


!
NO, IT CAN'T BE...
IT'S TRUE.
THE AWAKENED BEINGS THAT ATTACKED DIETRICH'S HOMETOWN AND THE HOLY CITY...
...ARE WHAT BECOME OF THE MALE HALF-DEMONS THE ORGANIZATION IS CURRENTLY MAKING.
!!
!
?
HOLY CITY ...?
MY GUESS IS THE ORGANIZATION PLACES NEW HALF-DEMONS NEAR A TARGET CITY BEFORE THEY REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS.
THEY COME TO IN A STATE OF CONFUSION, AWAKEN SOON AFTER, AND ATTACK THE TOWN.


ONCE THEY RUN RAMPANT IN A TOWN, THEY'RE NO LONGER NEEDED.
AFTER THEY SPREAD IN VARIOUS DIRECTIONS, IF A REQUEST COMES IN TO SUBDUE THEM...
...THE ORGANIZATION COLLECTS MONEY.
WHAT ...
HOW COULD THEY?
THAT'S...
THE PLACE WHERE THEY'RE MAKING THOSE MALE HALF-DEMONS MAY BE AROUND HERE.
THOSE WERE PROBABLY PEOPLE WHO WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE SOMEHOW.
N... NOW ...
...HOLD ON A SECOND.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

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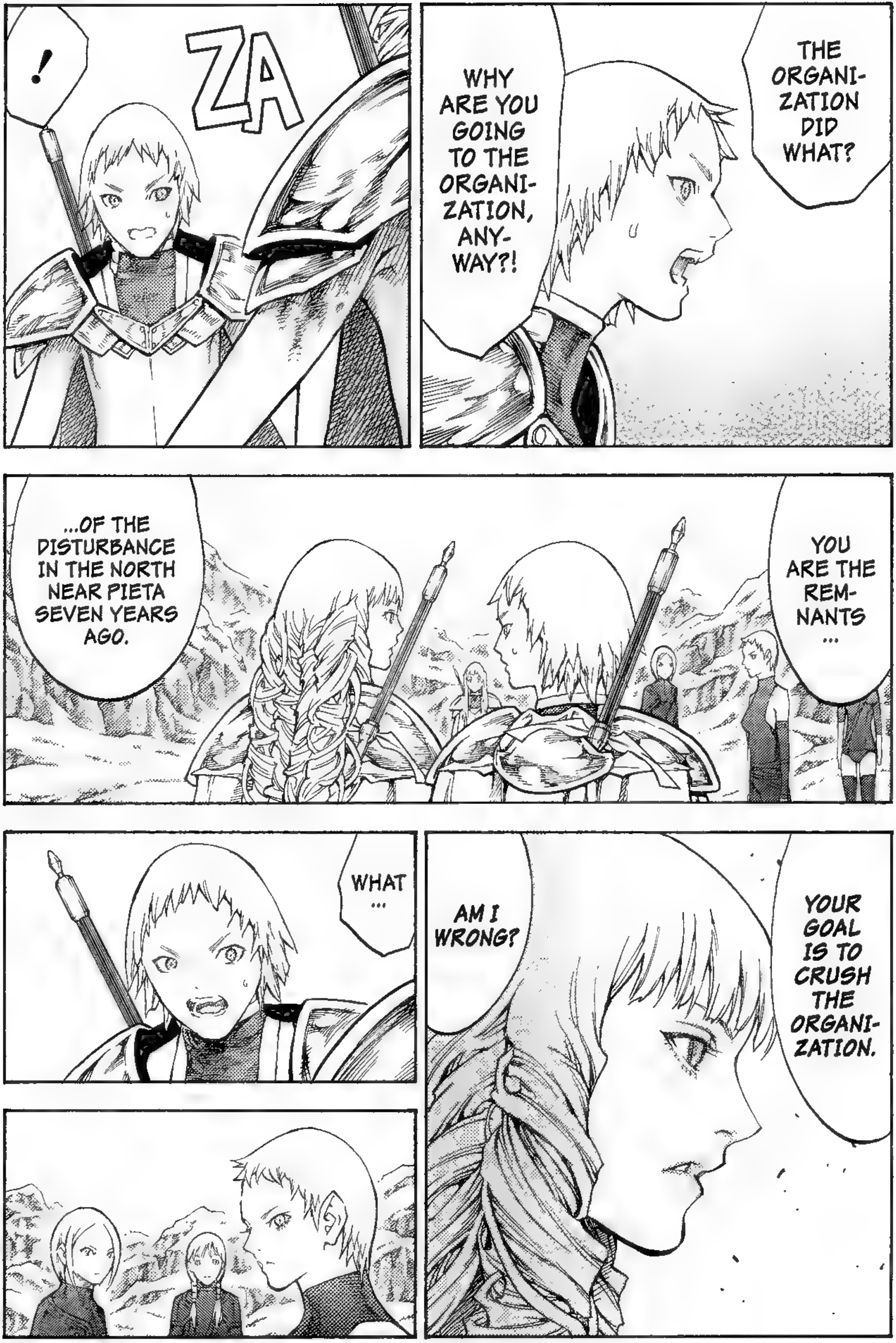
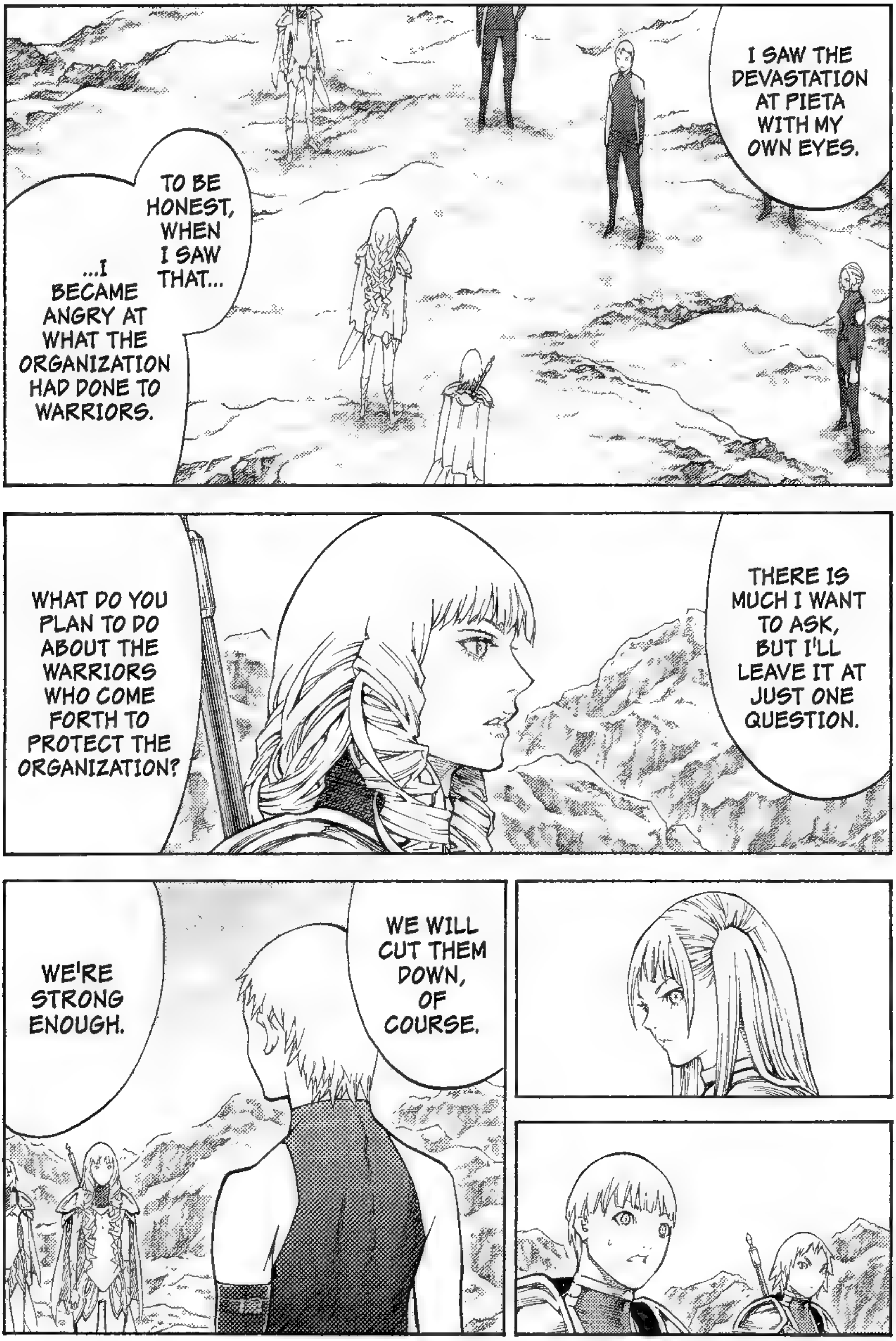
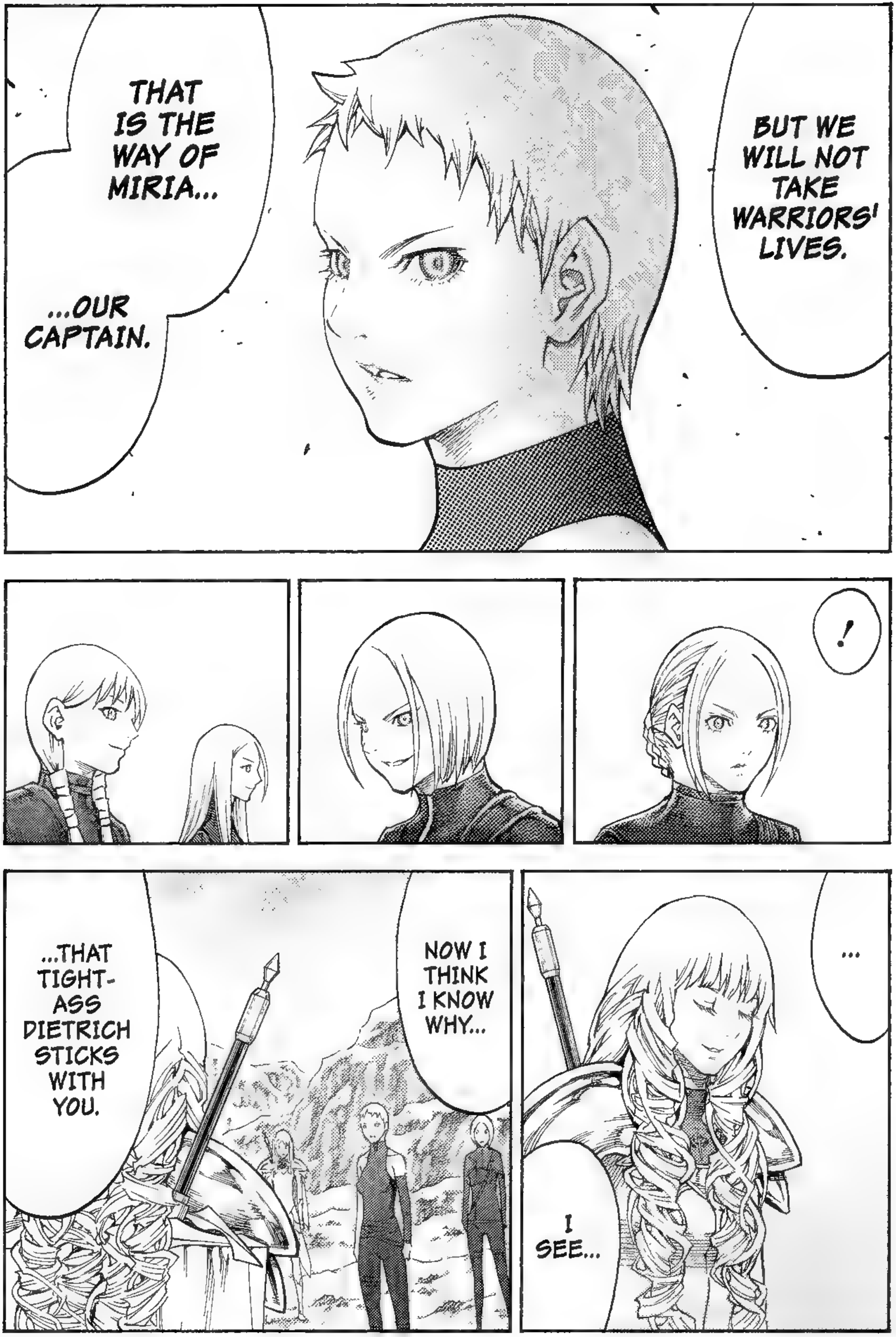
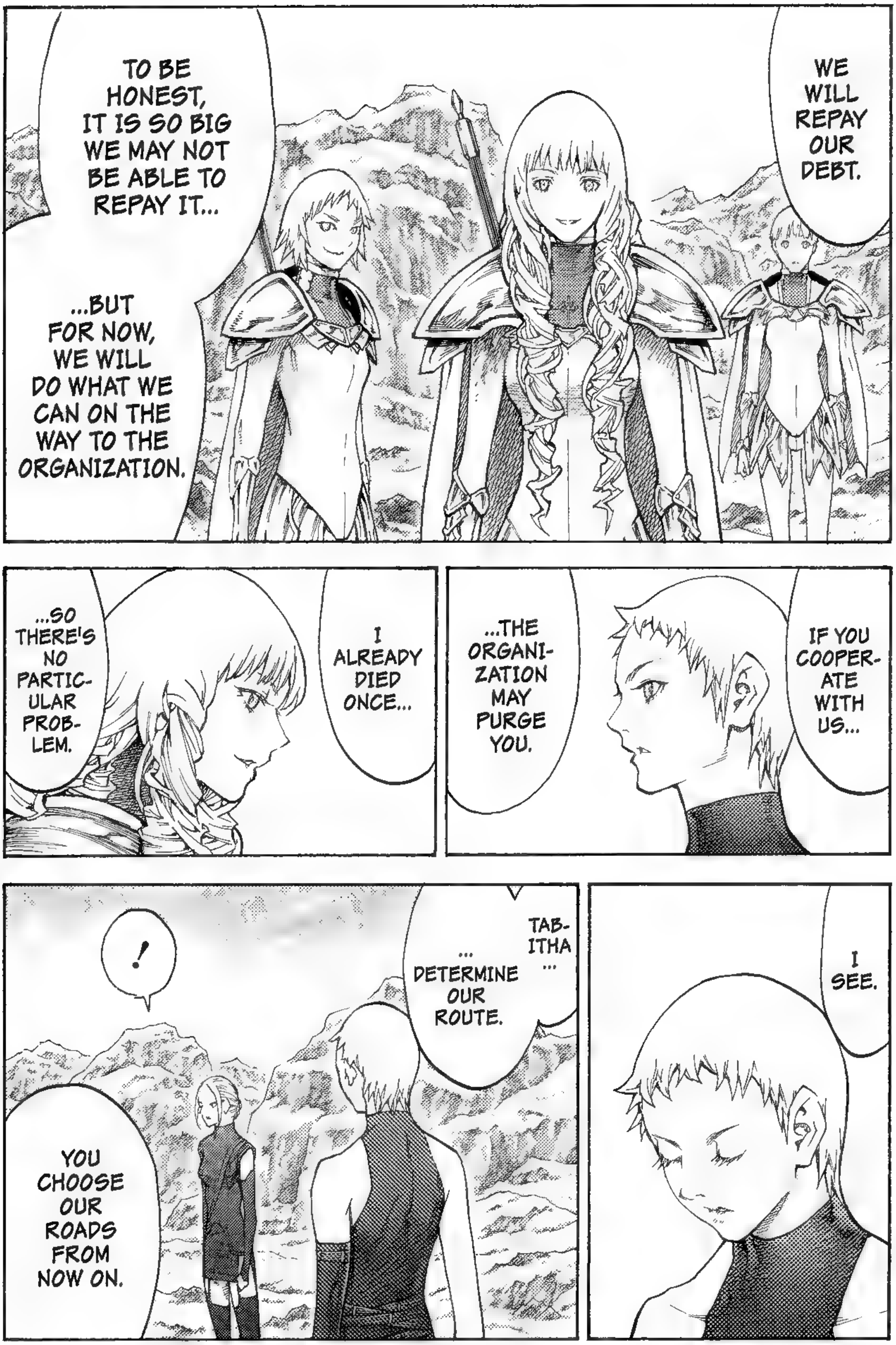

THE ORGANIZATION DID WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU GOING TO THE ORGANIZATION, ANYWAY?!
ZA
!
YOU ARE THE REMNANTS...
...OF THE DISTURBANCE IN THE NORTH NEAR PIETA SEVEN YEARS AGO.
YOUR GOAL IS TO CRUSH THE ORGANIZATION.
AM I WRONG?
WHAT...

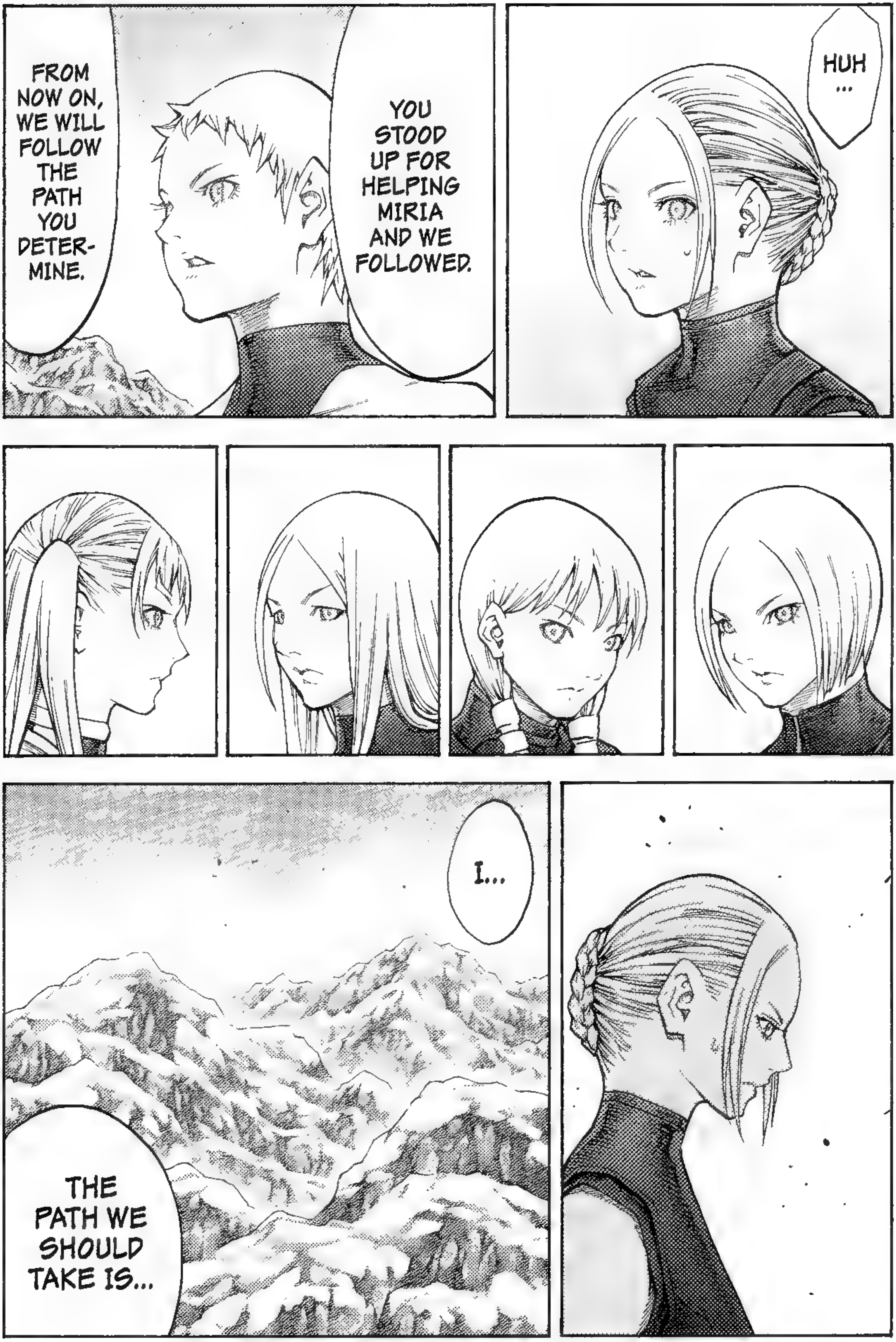

I SAW THE DEVASTATION AT PIETA WITH MY OWN EYES.
TO BE HONEST, WHEN I SAW THAT...
...I BECAME ANGRY AT WHAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD DONE TO WARRIORS.
THERE IS MUCH I WANT TO ASK, BUT I'LL LEAVE IT AT JUST ONE QUESTION.
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT THE WARRIORS WHO COME FORTH TO PROTECT THE ORGANIZATION?
WE WILL CUT THEM DOWN, OF COURSE.
WE'RE STRONG ENOUGH.

READ THIS WAY


BUT WE WILL NOT TAKE WARRIORS' LIVES.
THAT IS THE WAY OF MIRIA...
...OUR CAPTAIN.
!
...
I SEE...
NOW I THINK I KNOW WHY...
...THAT TIGHT-ASS DIETRICH STICKS WITH YOU.

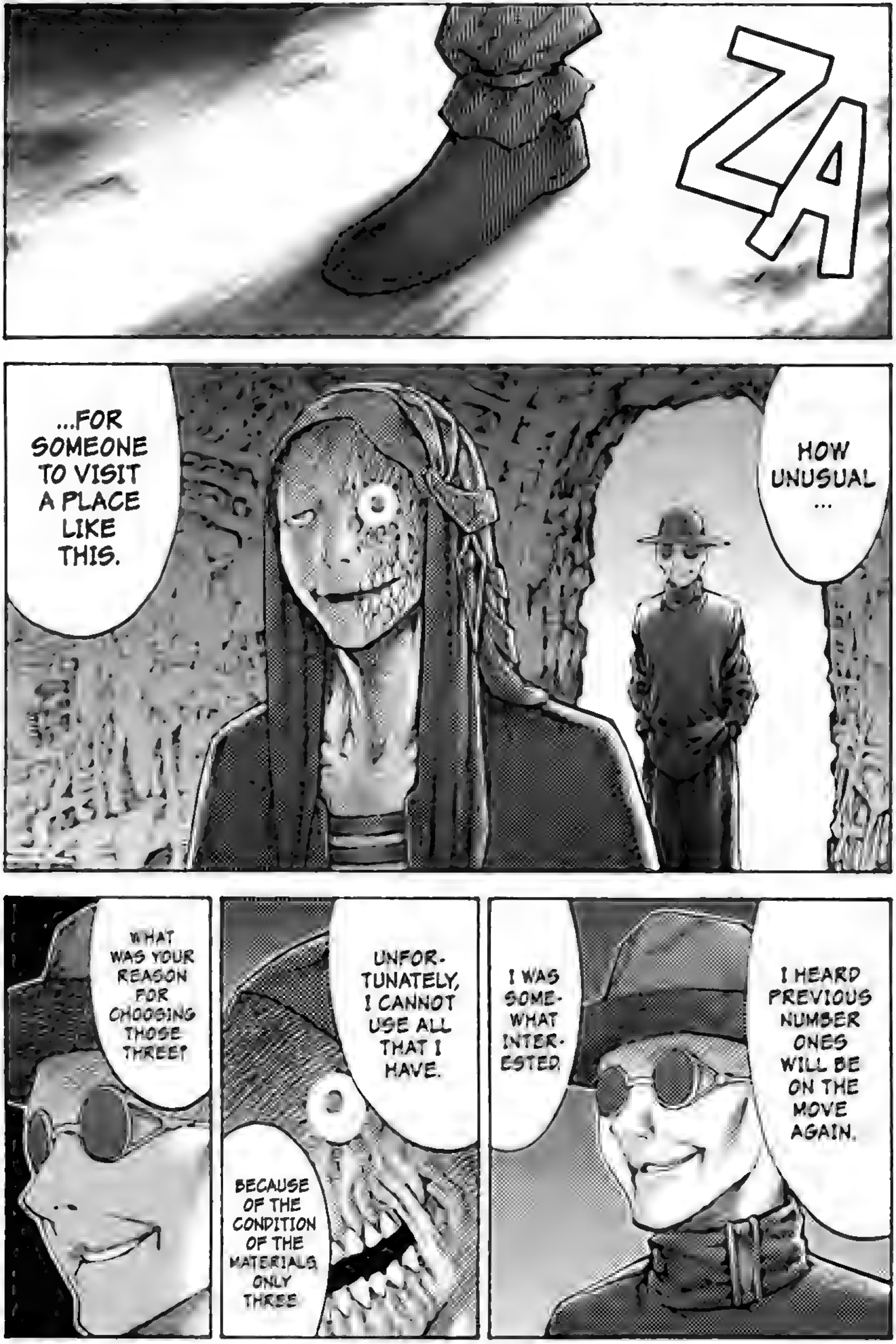

WE WILL REPAY OUR DEBT.
TO BE HONEST, IT IS SO BIG WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REPAY IT...
...BUT FOR NOW, WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN ON THE WAY TO THE ORGANIZATION.
IF YOU COOPERATE WITH US...
...THE ORGANIZATION MAY PURGE YOU.
I ALREADY DIED ONCE...
...SO THERE'S NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM.
I SEE.
TABITHA ...
... DETERMINE OUR ROUTE.
!
YOU CHOOSE OUR ROADS FROM NOW ON.

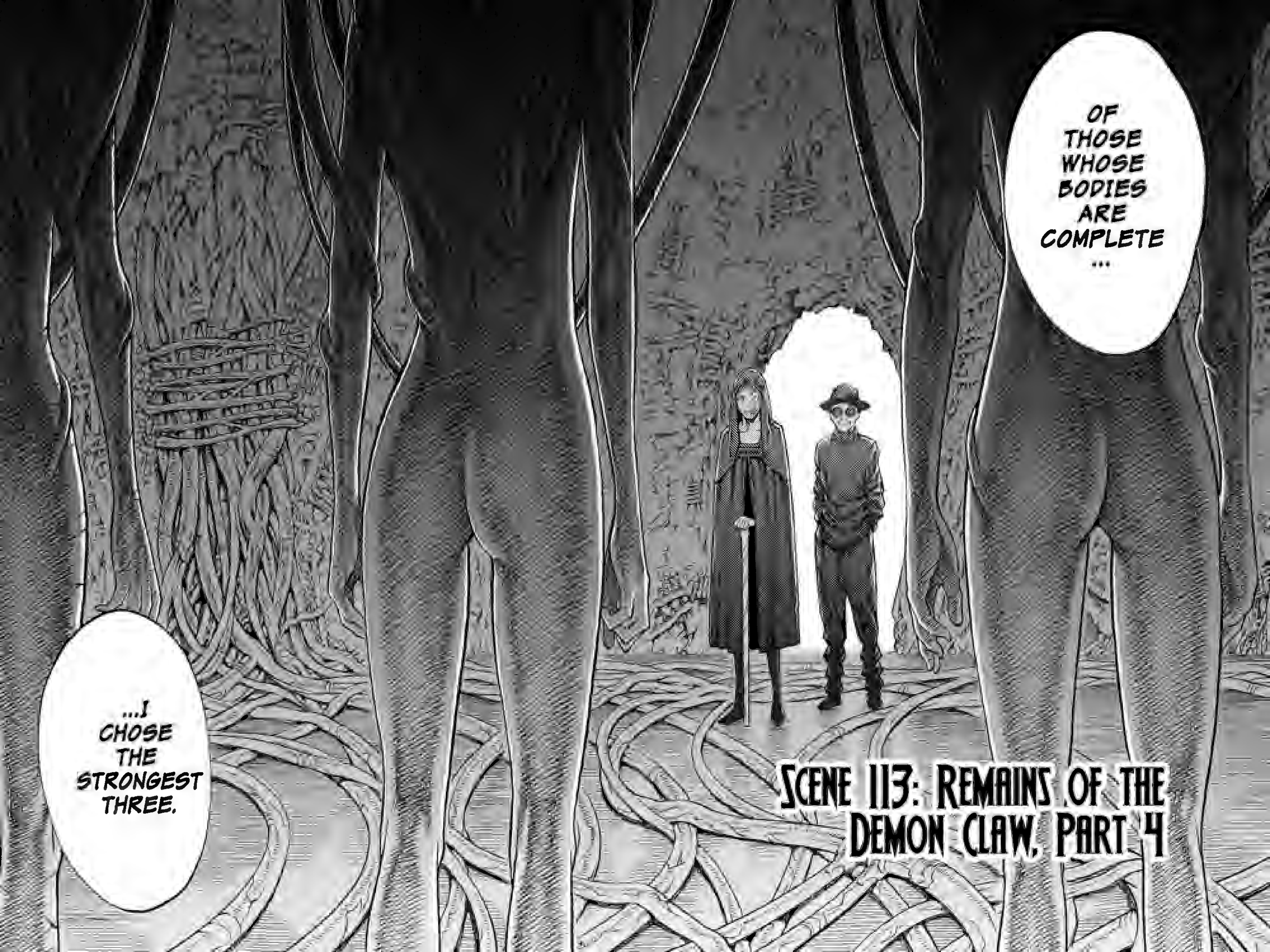
READ THIS WAY


HUH ...
YOU STOOD UP FOR HELPING MIRIA AND WE FOLLOWED.
FROM NOW ON, WE WILL FOLLOW THE PATH YOU DETERMINE.
I...
THE PATH WE SHOULD TAKE IS...

クレイモア
Claymore

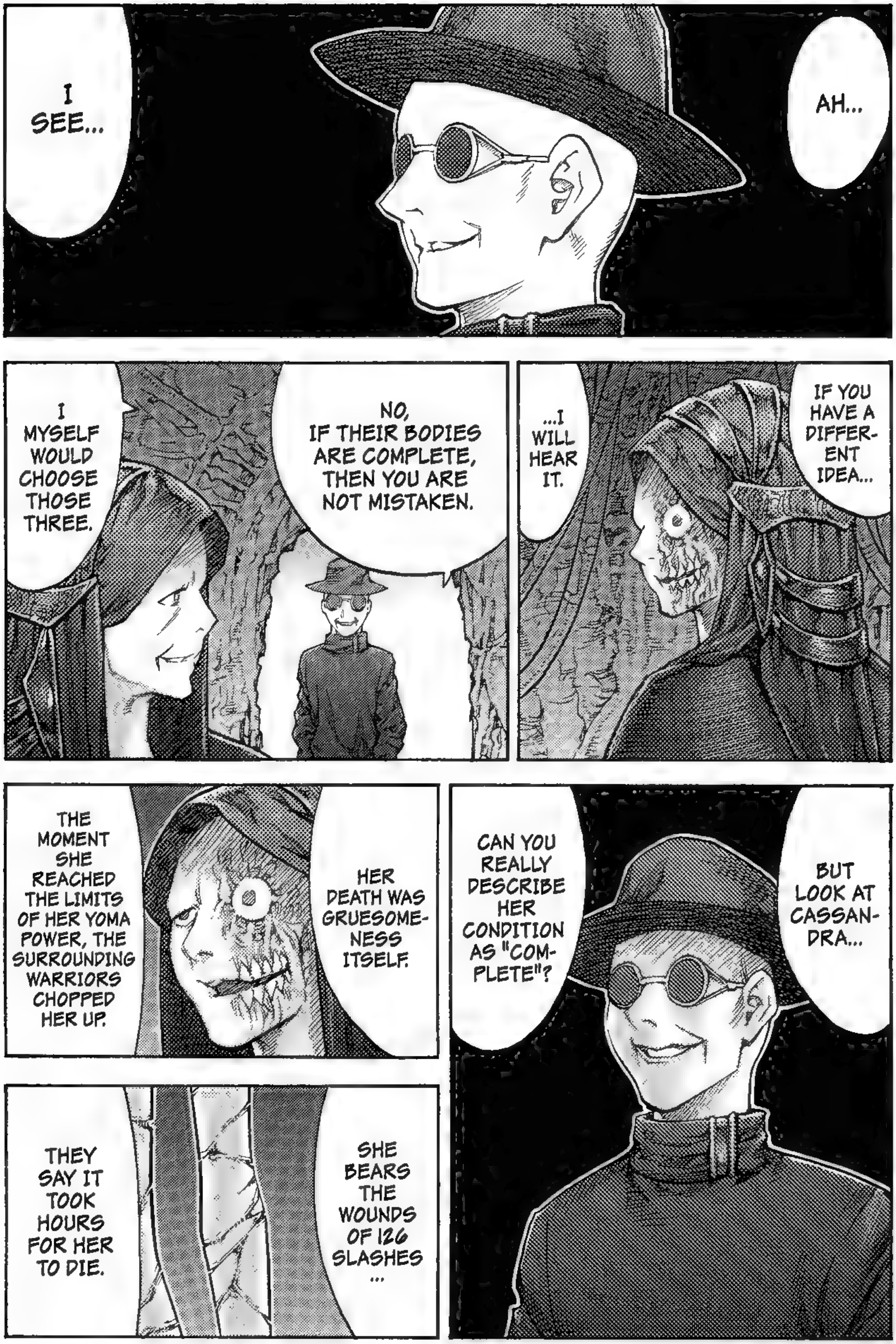
Scene 113: Remains of the Demon Claw, Part 4


ZA
HOW UNUSUAL...
...FOR SOMEONE TO VISIT A PLACE LIKE THIS.
I HEARD PREVIOUS NUMBER ONES WILL BE ON THE MOVE AGAIN.
I WAS SOMEWHAT INTERESTED.
UNFORTUNATELY, I CANNOT USE ALL THAT I HAVE.
BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION OF THE MATERIALS, ONLY THREE.
WHAT WAS YOUR REASON FOR CHOOSING THOSE THREE?

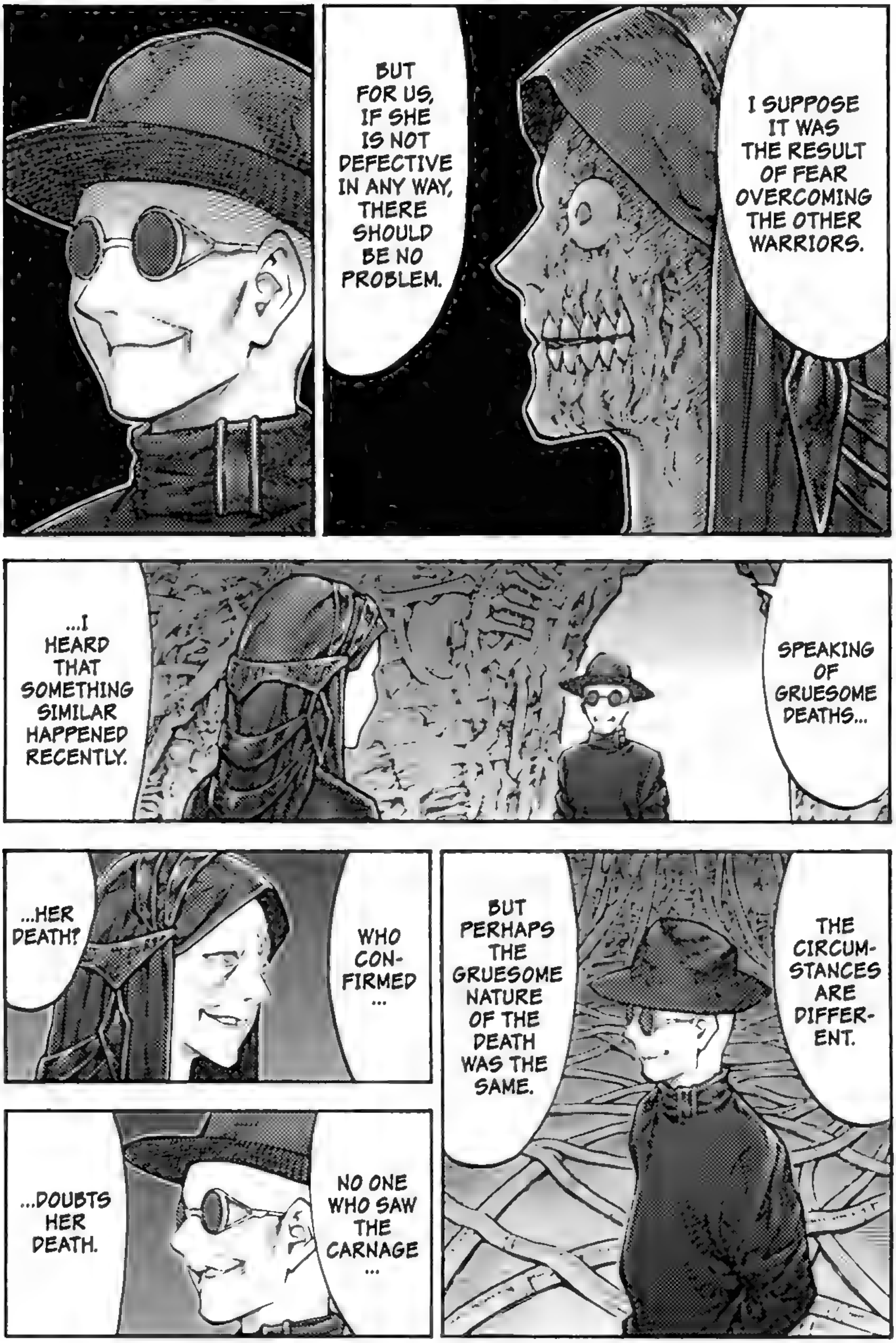


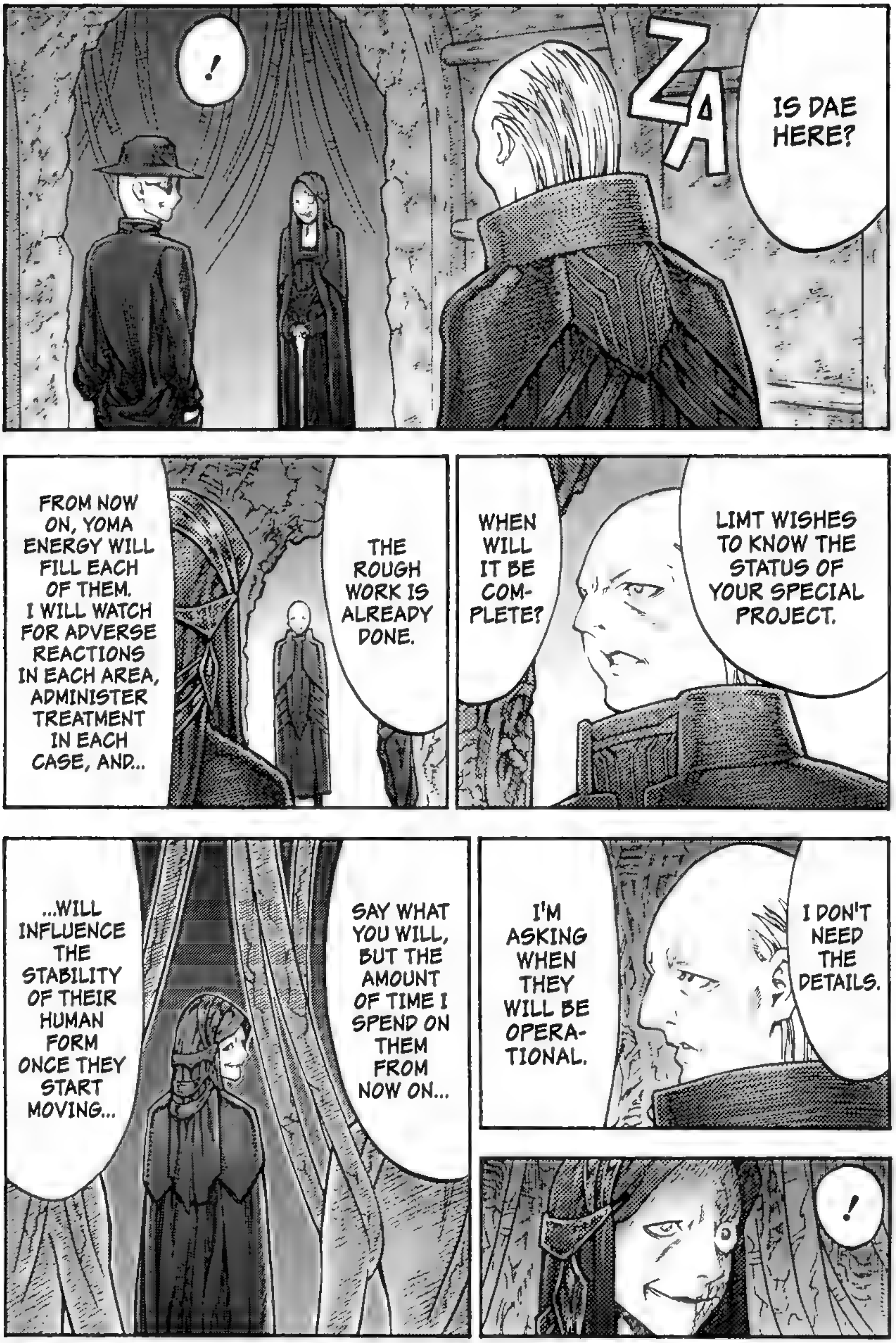
SCENE 113: REMAINS OF THE DEMON CLAW, PART 4

OF THOSE WHOSE BODIES ARE COMPLETE ...
...I CHOSE THE STRONGEST THREE.


AH...
I SEE...
IF YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT IDEA...
...I WILL HEAR IT.
NO, IF THEIR BODIES ARE COMPLETE, THEN YOU ARE NOT MISTAKEN.
I MYSELF WOULD CHOOSE THOSE THREE.
BUT LOOK AT CASSANDRA...
CAN YOU REALLY DESCRIBE HER CONDITION AS "COMPLETE"?
HER DEATH WAS GRUESOMENESS ITSELF.
THE MOMENT SHE REACHED THE LIMITS OF HER YOMA POWER, THE SURROUNDING WARRIORS CHOPPED HER UP.
SHE BEARS THE WOUNDS OF 126 SLASHES...
THEY SAY IT TOOK HOURS FOR HER TO DIE.

READ THIS WAY


I SUPPOSE IT WAS THE RESULT OF FEAR OVERCOMING THE OTHER WARRIORS.
BUT FOR US, IF SHE IS NOT DEFECTIVE IN ANY WAY, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.
SPEAKING OF GRUESOME DEATHS...
...I HEARD THAT SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPENED RECENTLY.
THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT.
BUT PERHAPS THE GRUESOME NATURE OF THE DEATH WAS THE SAME.
WHO CONFIRMED...
...HER DEATH?
NO ONE WHO SAW THE CARNAGE...
...DOUBTS HER DEATH.


IS DAE HERE?
ZA
!
LIMT WISHES TO KNOW THE STATUS OF YOUR SPECIAL PROJECT.
WHEN WILL IT BE COMPLETE?
THE ROUGH WORK IS ALREADY DONE.
FROM NOW ON, YOMA ENERGY WILL FILL EACH OF THEM. I WILL WATCH FOR ADVERSE REACTIONS IN EACH AREA, ADMINISTER TREATMENT IN EACH CASE, AND...
I DON'T NEED THE DETAILS.
I'M ASKING WHEN THEY WILL BE OPERATIONAL.
!
SAY WHAT YOU WILL, BUT THE AMOUNT OF TIME I SPEND ON THEM FROM NOW ON...
...WILL INFLUENCE THE STABILITY OF THEIR HUMAN FORM ONCE THEY START MOVING...

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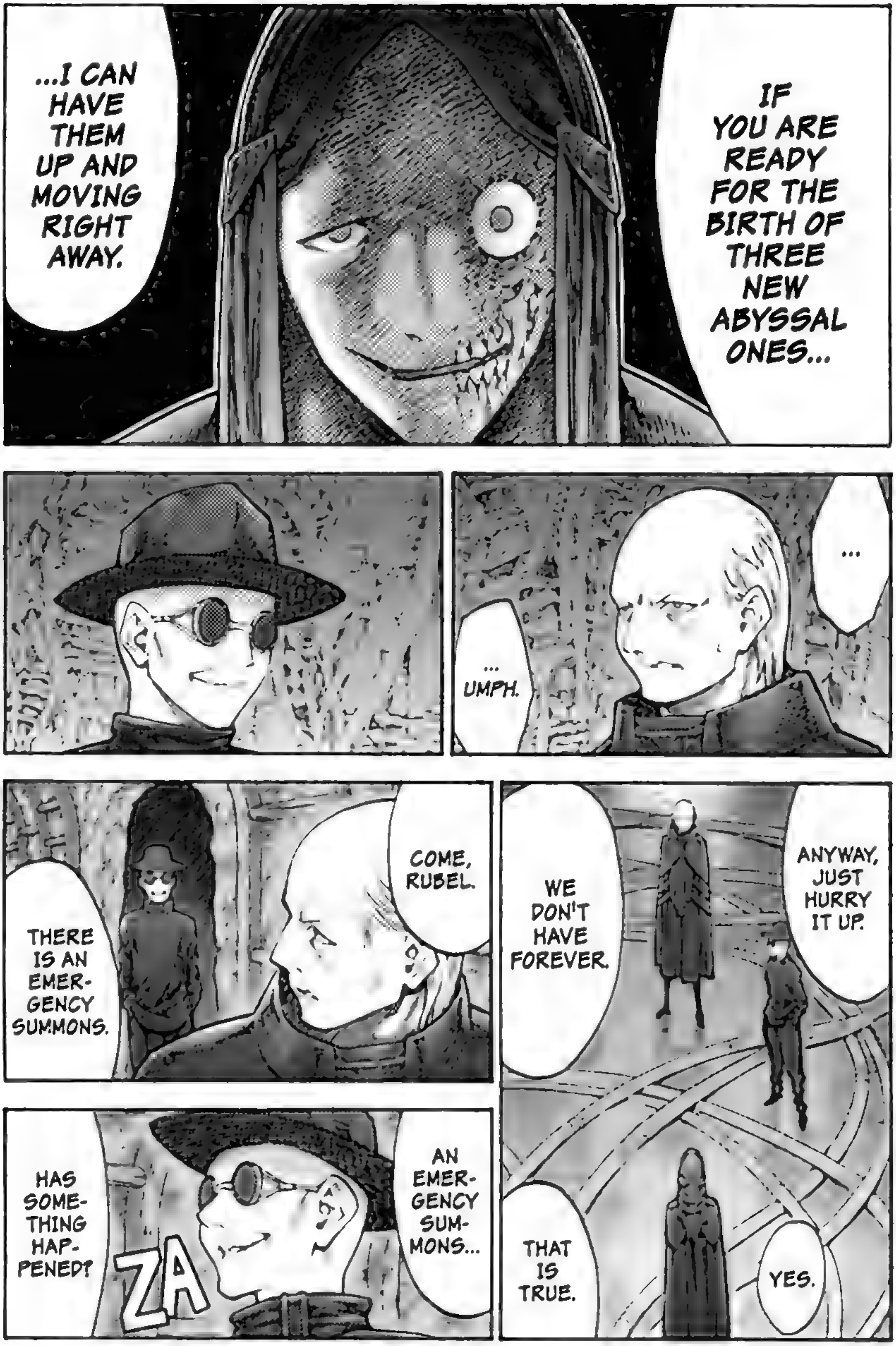
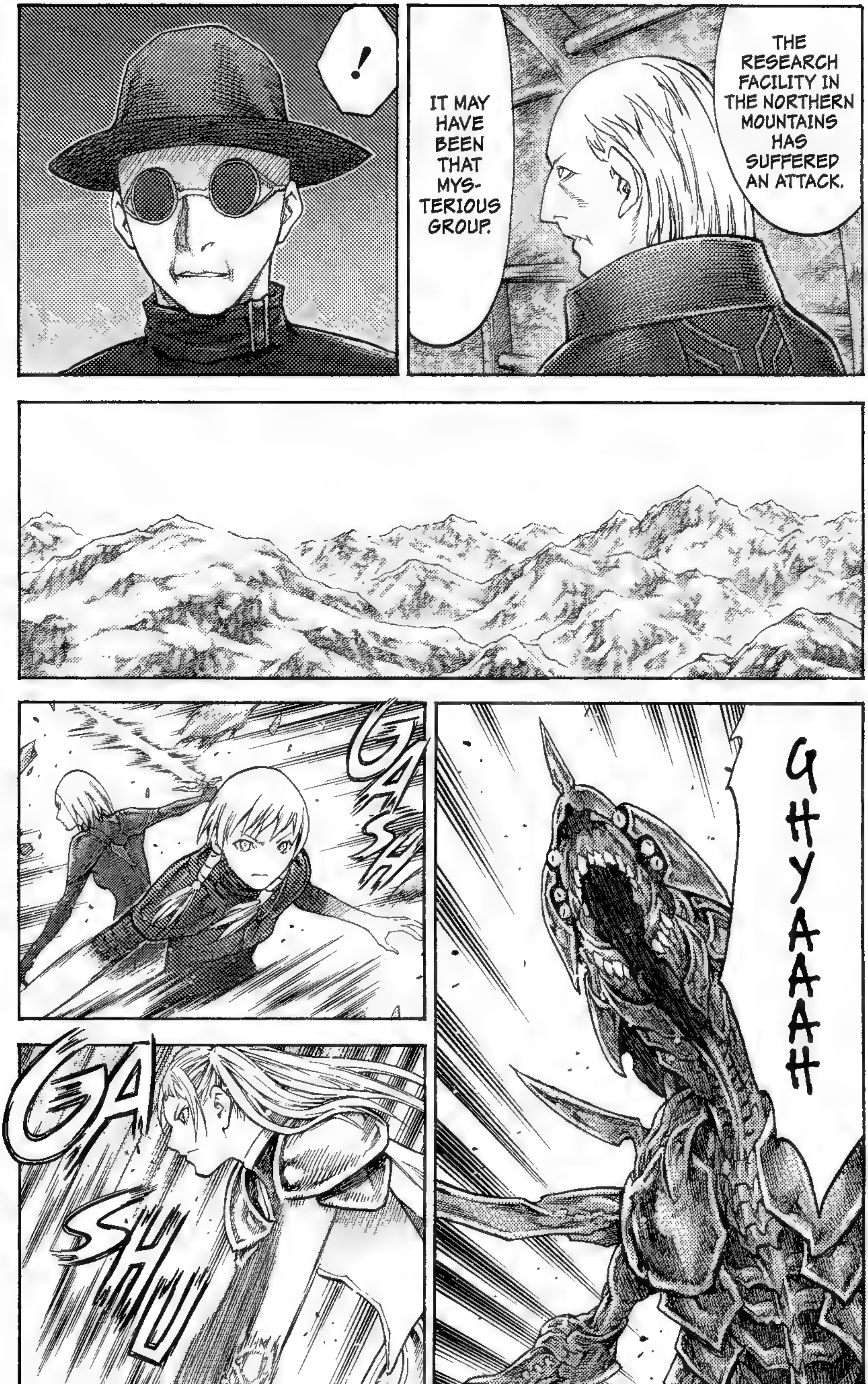
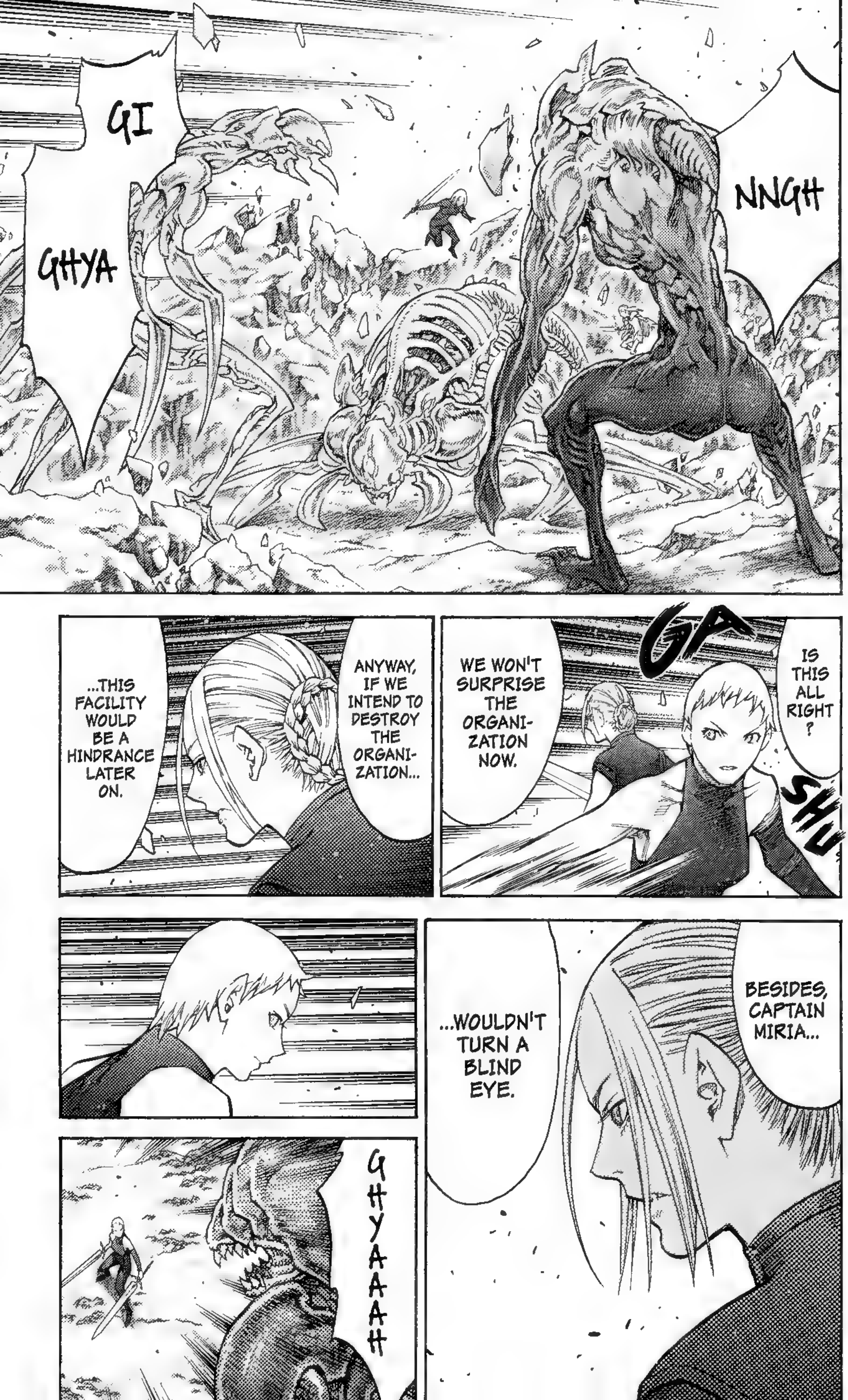
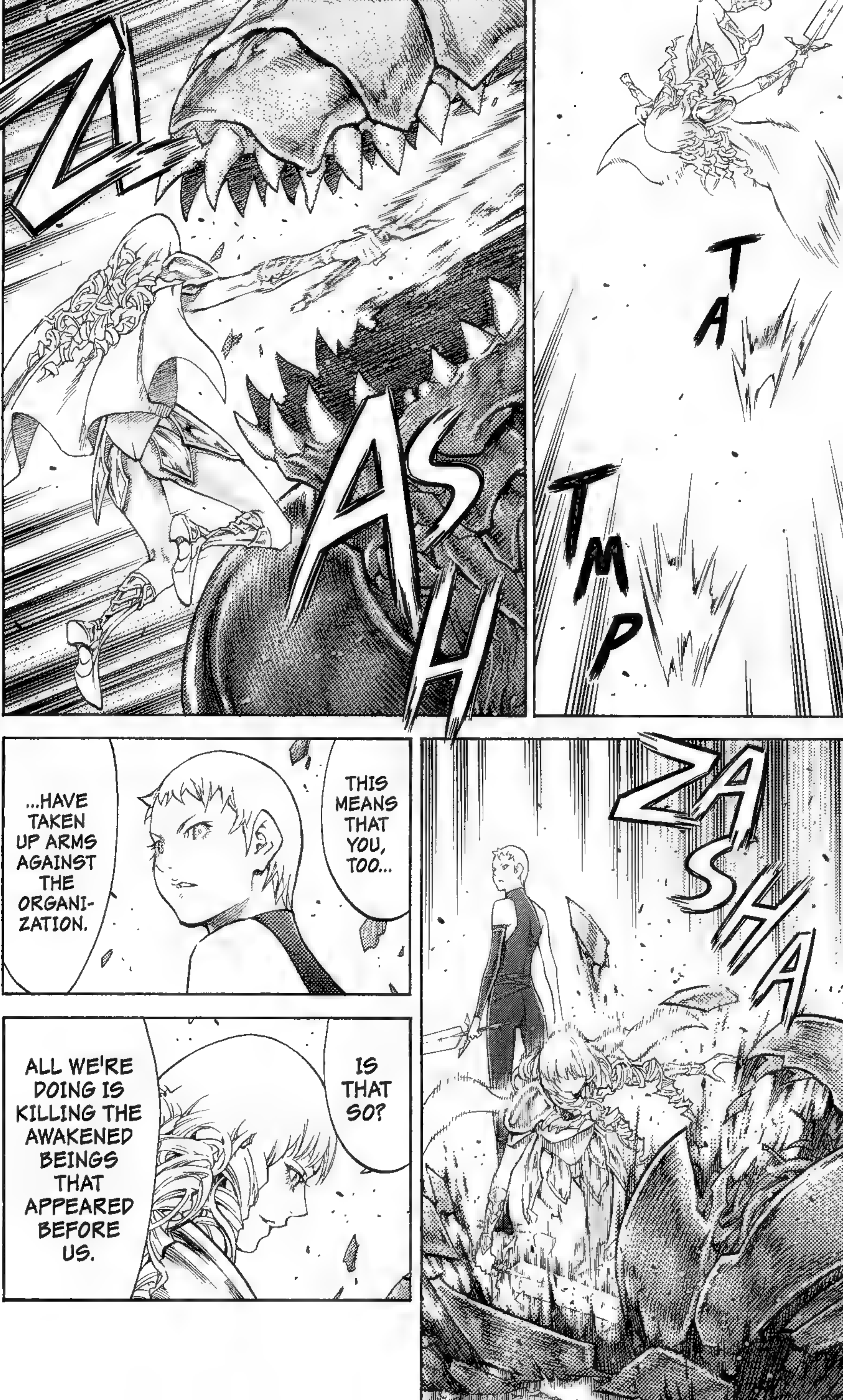
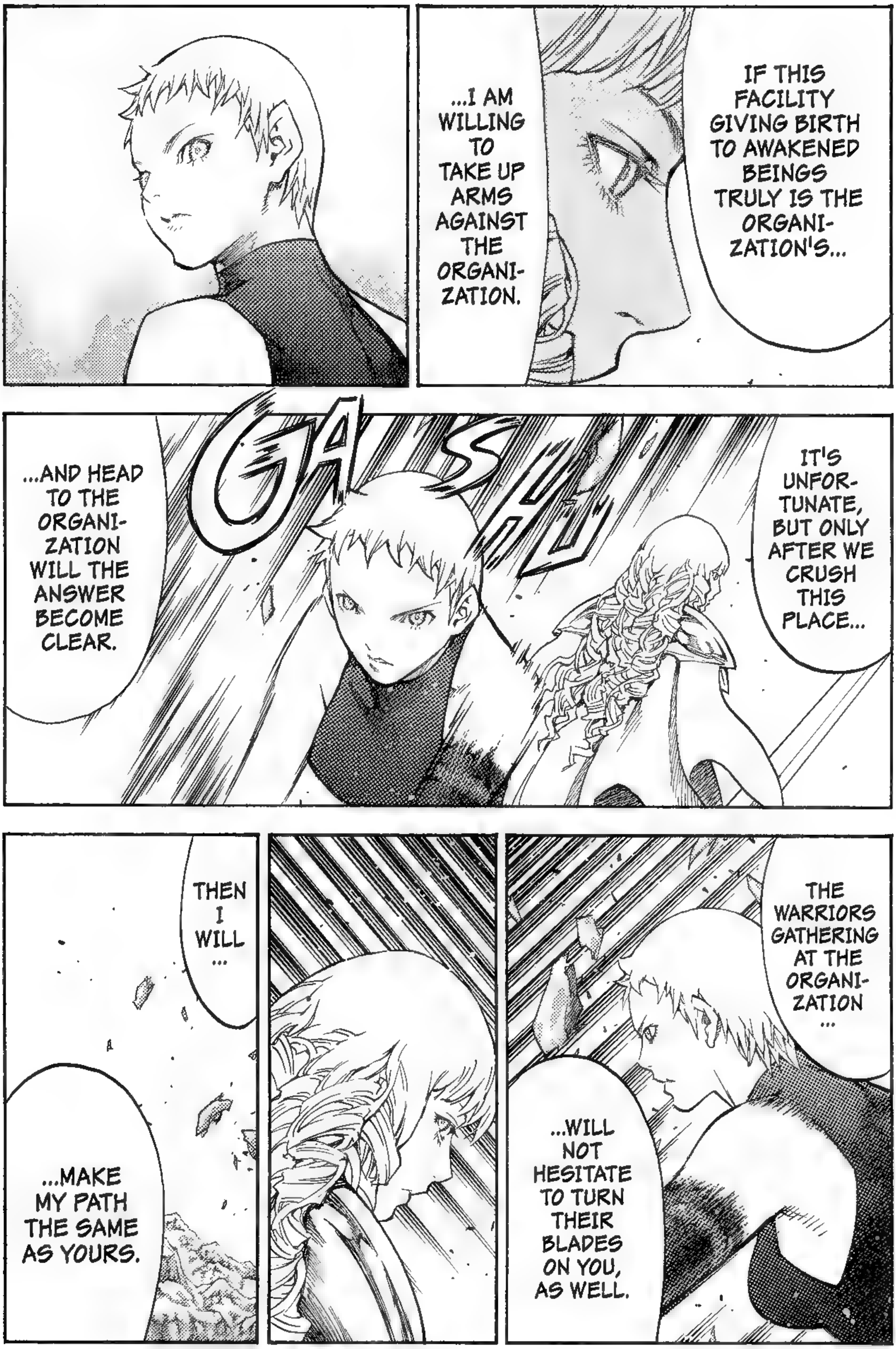

IF YOU ARE READY FOR THE BIRTH OF THREE NEW ABYSSAL ONES...
...I CAN HAVE THEM UP AND MOVING RIGHT AWAY.
...
... UMPH.
ANYWAY, JUST HURRY IT UP.
WE DON'T HAVE FOREVER.
YES.
THAT IS TRUE.
COME, RUBEL.
THERE IS AN EMERGENCY SUMMONS.
AN EMERGENCY SUMMONS...
ZA
HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED?

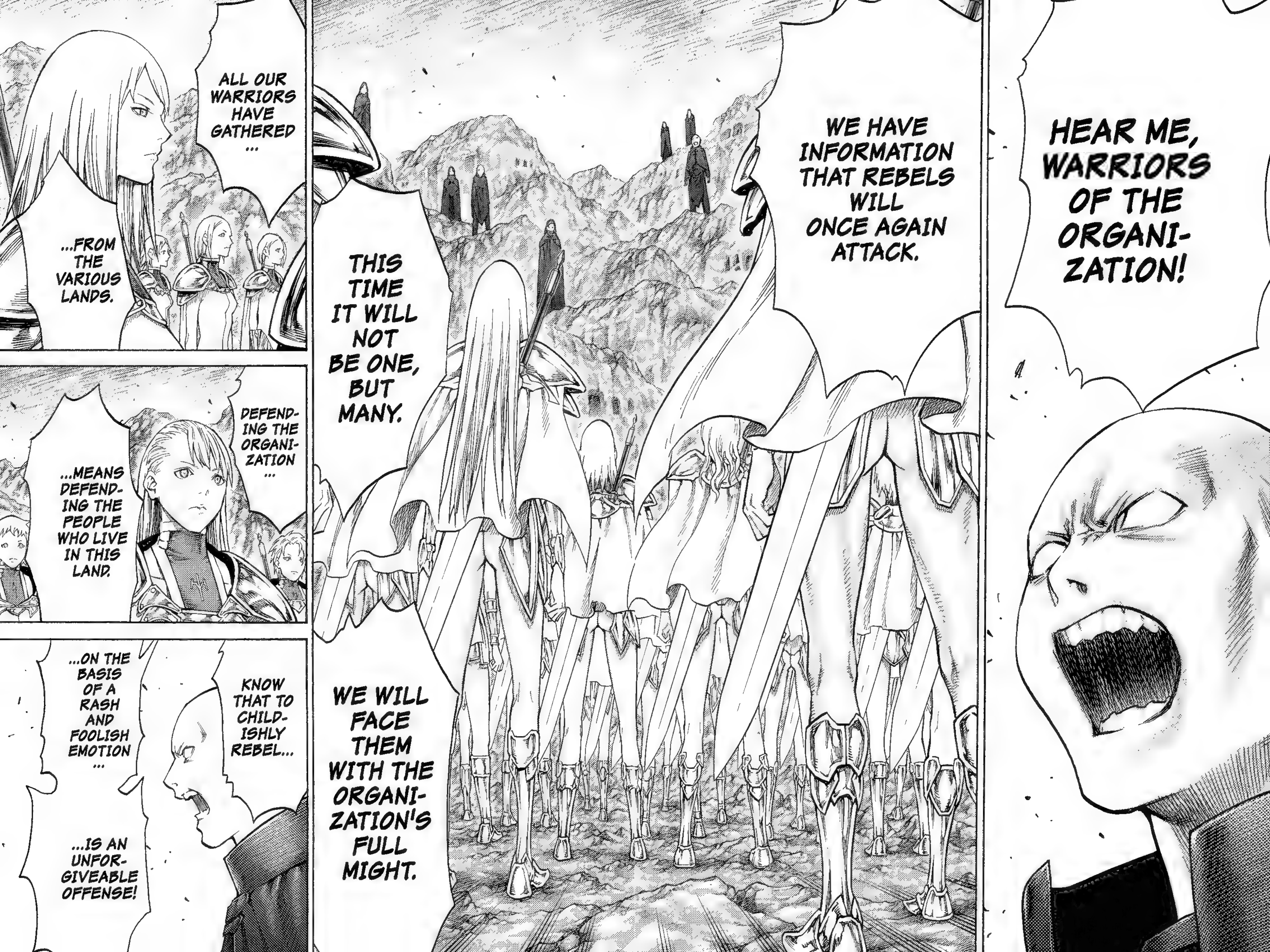

THE RESEARCH FACILITY IN THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINS HAS SUFFERED AN ATTACK.
IT MAY HAVE BEEN THAT MYSTERIOUS GROUP.
!
GHYAAAAH
GASH
GASHU

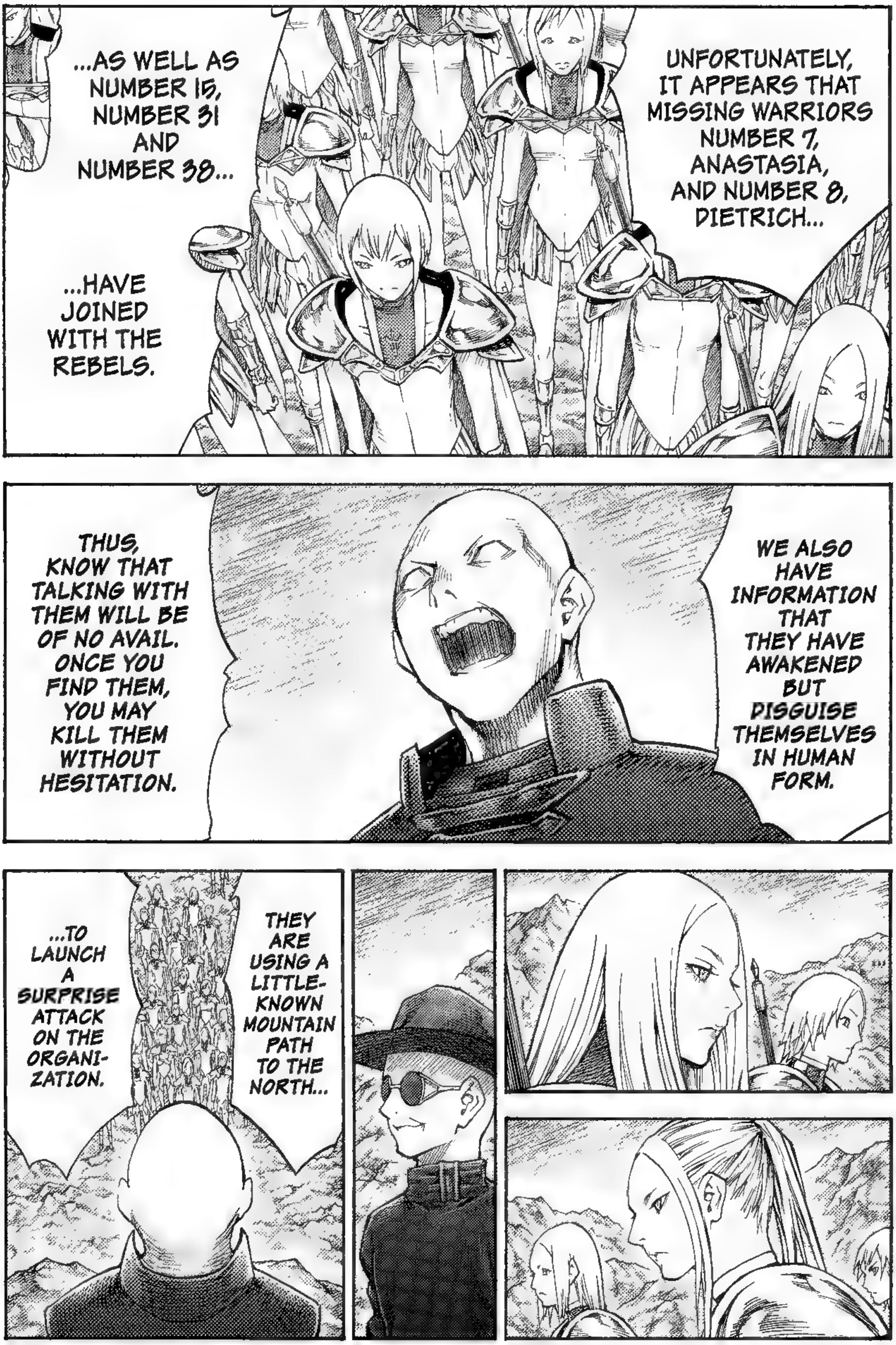

NNGH
GI
GHYA
GA
IS THIS ALL RIGHT?
SHU
WE WON'T SURPRISE THE ORGANIZATION NOW.
ANYWAY, IF WE INTEND TO DESTROY THE ORGANIZATION...
...THIS FACILITY WOULD BE A HINDRANCE LATER ON.
BESIDES, CAPTAIN MIRIA...
...WOULDN'T TURN A BLIND EYE.
GHYAAAAH


TA
TMP
ZASH
ZASHA
THIS MEANS THAT YOU, TOO...
...HAVE TAKEN UP ARMS AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION.
IS THAT SO?
ALL WE'RE DOING IS KILLING THE AWAKENED BEINGS THAT APPEARED BEFORE US.

READ THIS WAY


IF THIS FACILITY GIVING BIRTH TO AWAKENED BEINGS TRULY IS THE ORGANIZATION'S...
...I AM WILLING TO TAKE UP ARMS AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION.
IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT ONLY AFTER WE CRUSH THIS PLACE...
GASH
...AND HEAD TO THE ORGANIZATION WILL THE ANSWER BECOME CLEAR.
THE WARRIORS GATHERING AT THE ORGANIZATION...
...WILL NOT HESITATE TO TURN THEIR BLADES ON YOU, AS WELL.
THEN I WILL...
...MAKE MY PATH THE SAME AS YOURS.


HEAR ME, WARRIORS OF THE ORGANIZATION!
WE HAVE INFORMATION THAT REBELS WILL ONCE AGAIN ATTACK.
THIS TIME IT WILL NOT BE ONE, BUT MANY.
WE WILL FACE THEM WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S FULL MIGHT.
ALL OUR WARRIORS HAVE GATHERED...
...FROM THE VARIOUS LANDS.
DEFENDING THE ORGANIZATION...
...MEANS DEFENDING THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS LAND.
KNOW THAT TO CHILDISHLY REBEL...
...ON THE BASIS OF A RASH AND FOOLISH EMOTION...
...IS AN UNFORGIVEABLE OFFENSE!


UNFORTUNATELY, IT APPEARS THAT MISSING WARRIORS NUMBER 7, ANASTASIA, AND NUMBER 8, DIETRICH...
...AS WELL AS NUMBER 15, NUMBER 31 AND NUMBER 38...
...HAVE JOINED WITH THE REBELS.
WE ALSO HAVE INFORMATION THAT THEY HAVE AWAKENED BUT DISGUISE THEMSELVES IN HUMAN FORM.
THUS, KNOW THAT TALKING WITH THEM WILL BE OF NO AVAIL. ONCE YOU FIND THEM, YOU MAY KILL THEM WITHOUT HESITATION.
THEY ARE USING A LITTLE-KNOWN MOUNTAIN PATH TO THE NORTH...
...TO LAUNCH A SURPRISE ATTACK ON THE ORGANIZATION.

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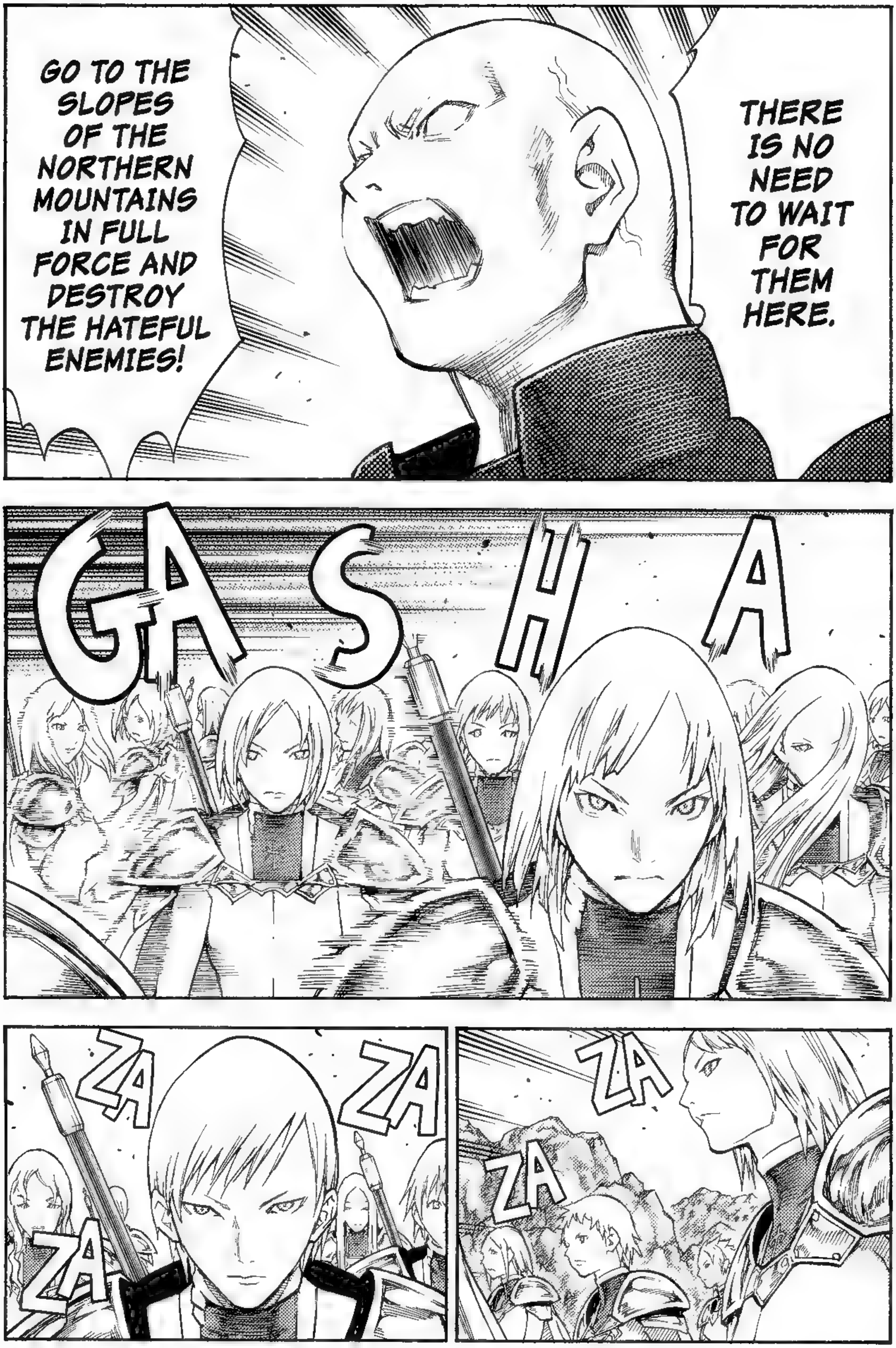
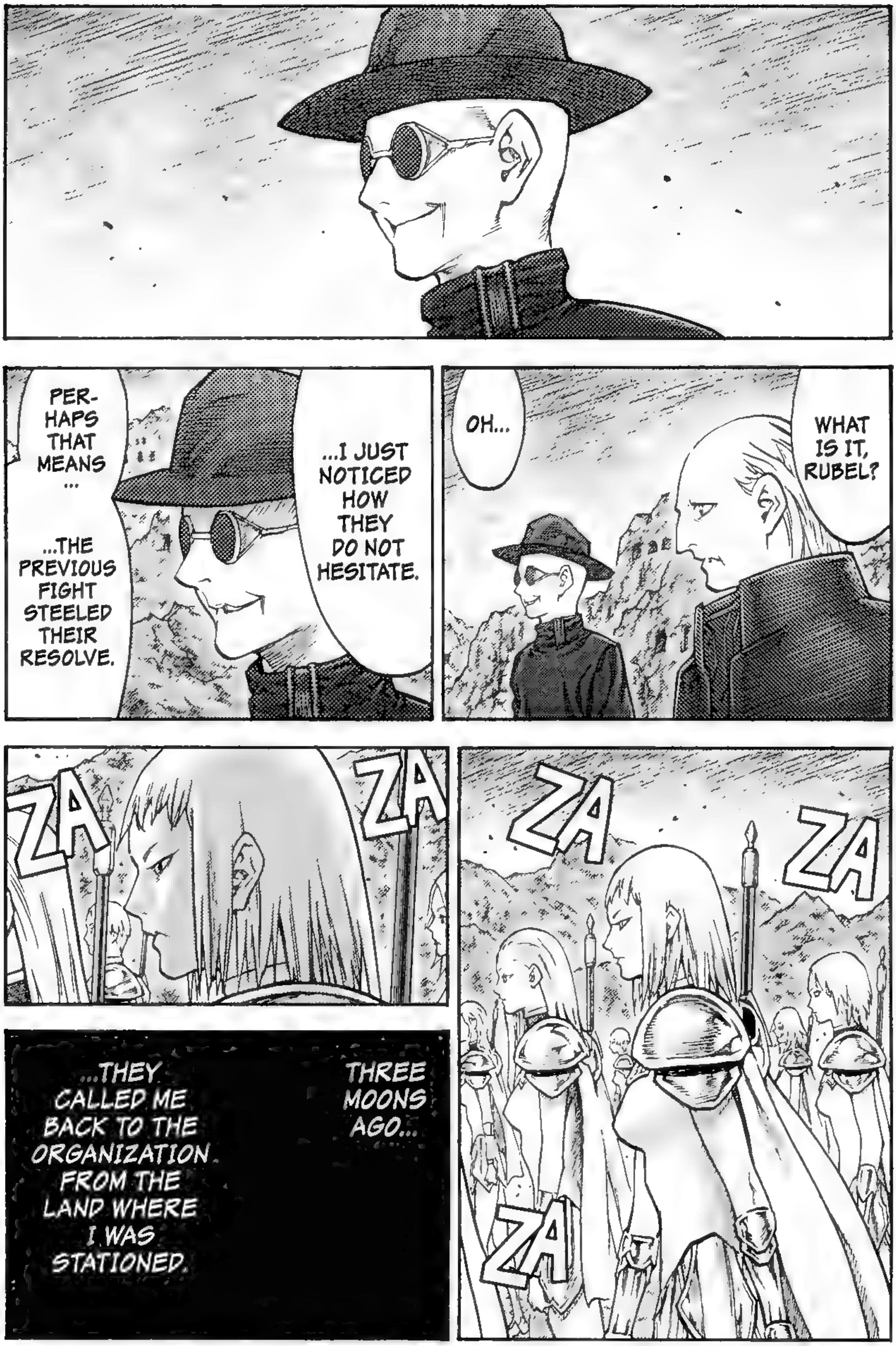
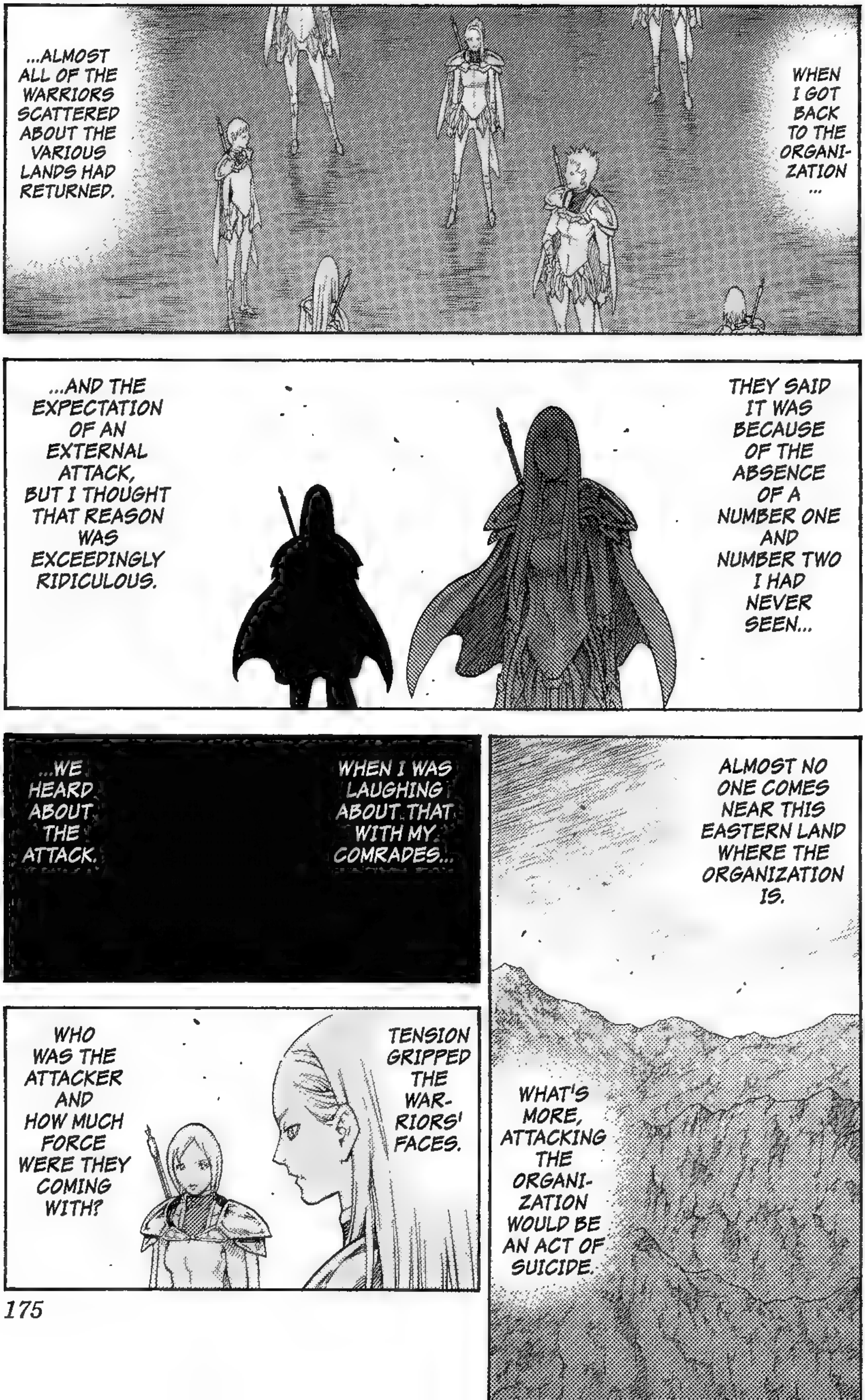
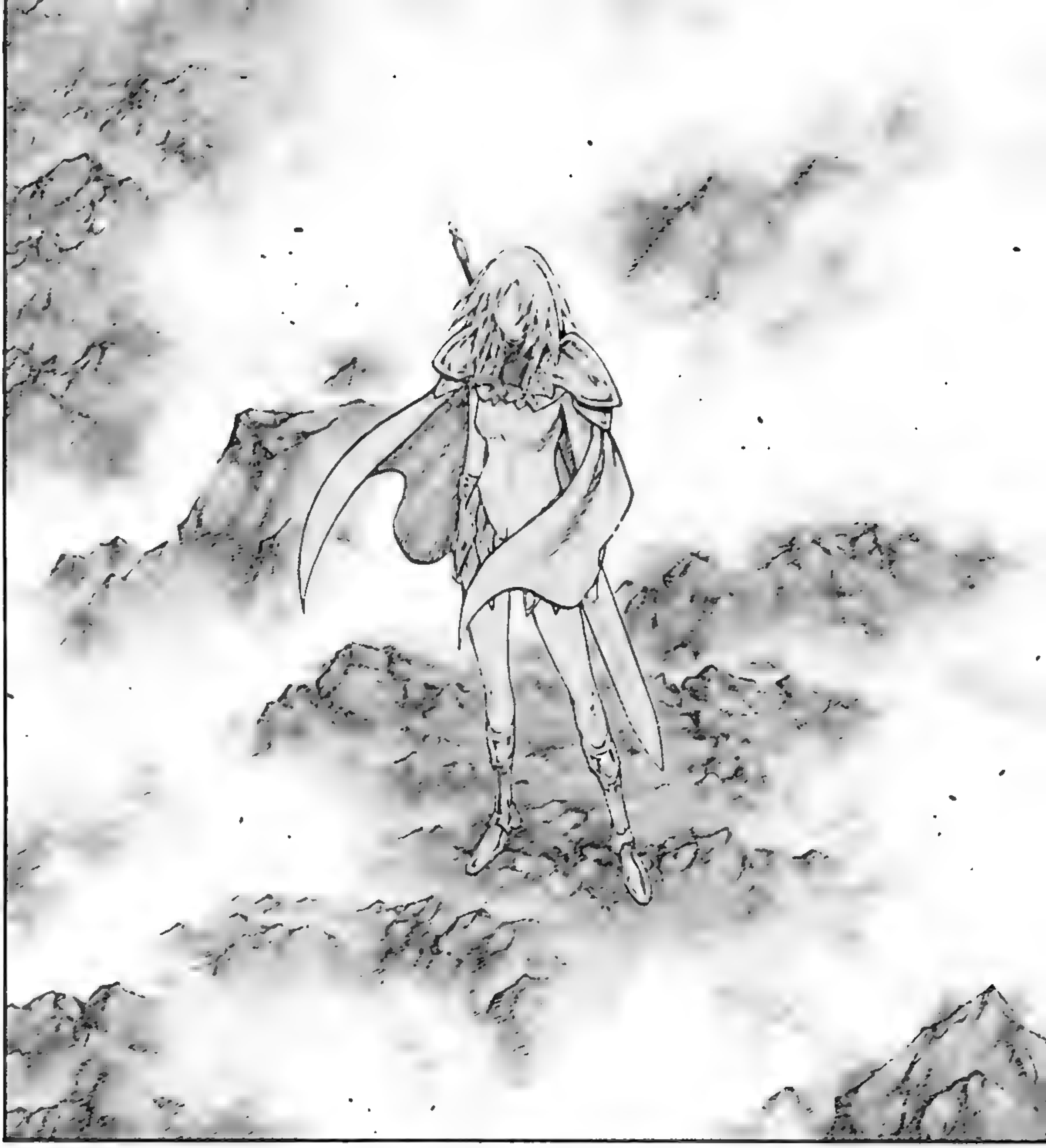
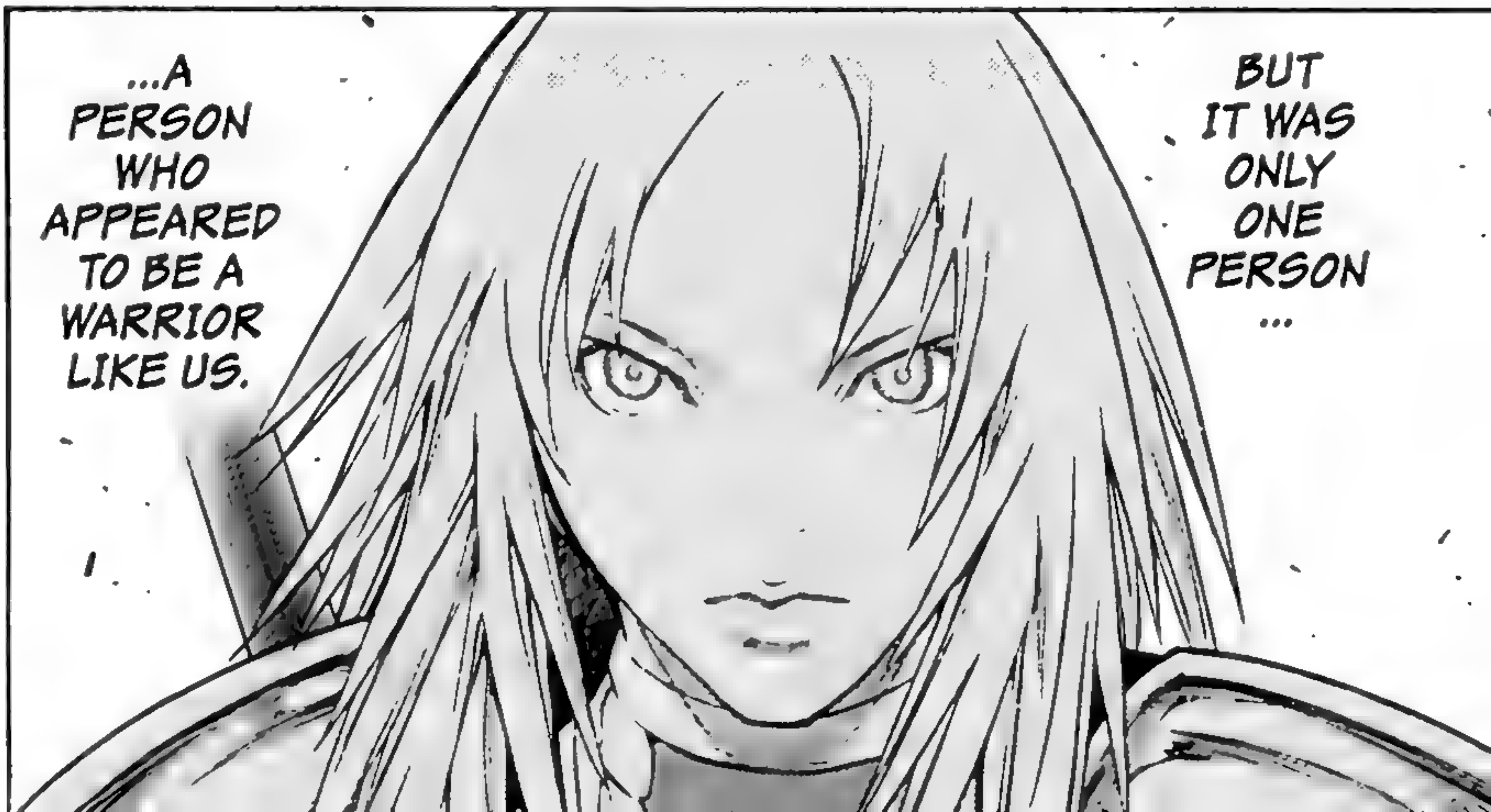

THERE IS NO NEED TO WAIT FOR THEM HERE.
GO TO THE SLOPES OF THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINS IN FULL FORCE AND DESTROY THE HATEFUL ENEMIES!
GASHA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA


WHAT IS IT, RUBEL?
OH...
...I JUST NOTICED HOW THEY DO NOT HESITATE.
PERHAPS THAT MEANS...
...THE PREVIOUS FIGHT STEELED THEIR RESOLVE.
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZA
THREE MOONS AGO...
...THEY CALLED ME BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION FROM THE LAND WHERE I WAS STATIONED.

READ THIS WAY


WHEN I GOT BACK TO THE ORGANIZATION...
...ALMOST ALL OF THE WARRIORS SCATTERED ABOUT THE VARIOUS LANDS HAD RETURNED.
THEY SAID IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF A NUMBER ONE AND NUMBER TWO I HAD NEVER SEEN...
...AND THE EXPECTATION OF AN EXTERNAL ATTACK, BUT I THOUGHT THAT REASON WAS EXCEEDINGLY RIDICULOUS.
ALMOST NO ONE COMES NEAR THIS EASTERN LAND WHERE THE ORGANIZATION IS.
WHAT'S MORE, ATTACKING THE ORGANIZATION WOULD BE AN ACT OF SUICIDE.
WHEN I WAS LAUGHING ABOUT THAT WITH MY COMRADES...
...WE HEARD ABOUT THE ATTACK.
TENSION GRIPPED THE WARRIORS' FACES.
WHO WAS THE ATTACKER AND HOW MUCH FORCE WERE THEY COMING WITH?




BUT IT WAS ONLY ONE PERSON ...
...A PERSON WHO APPEARED TO BE A WARRIOR LIKE US.

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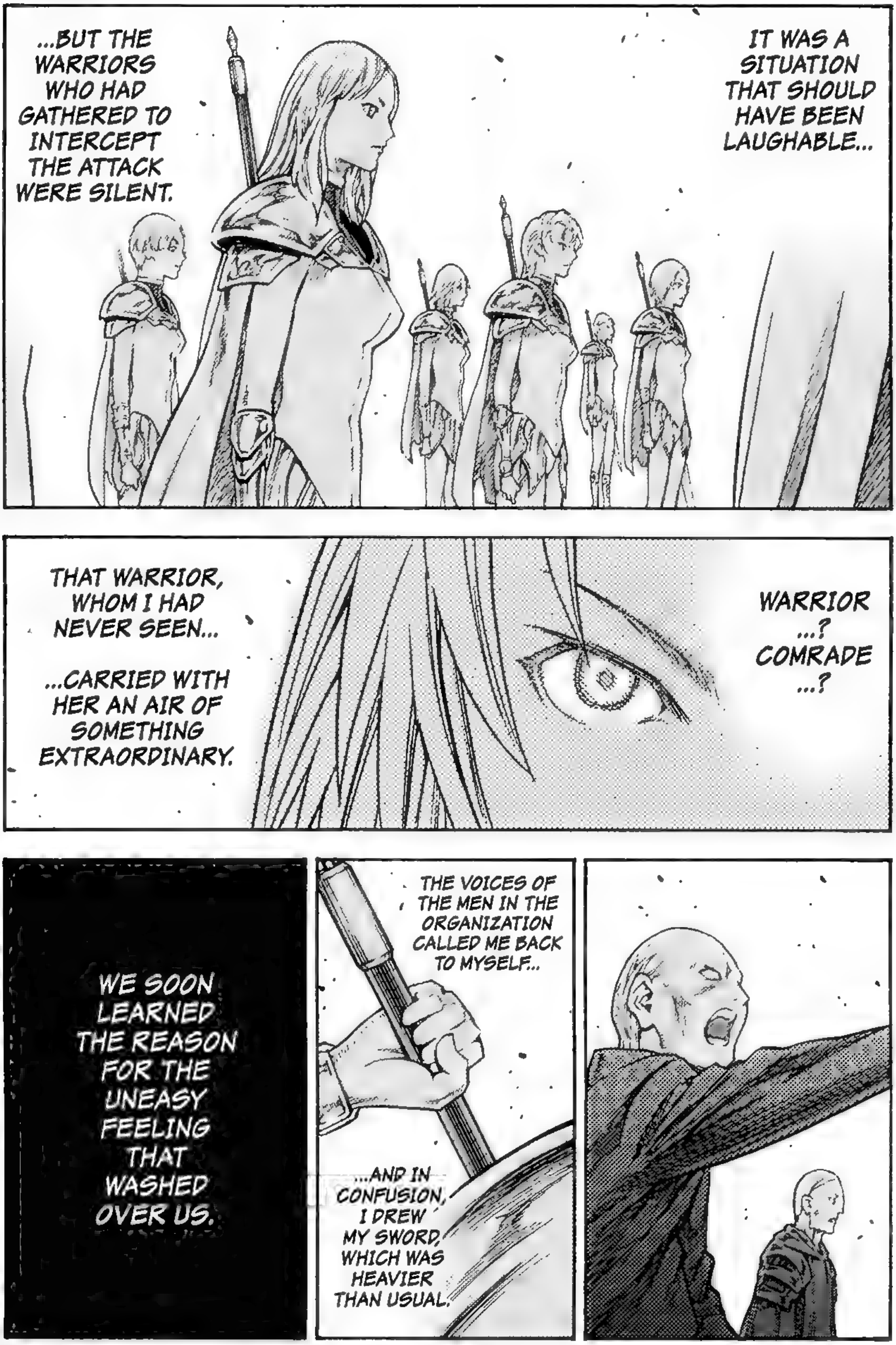
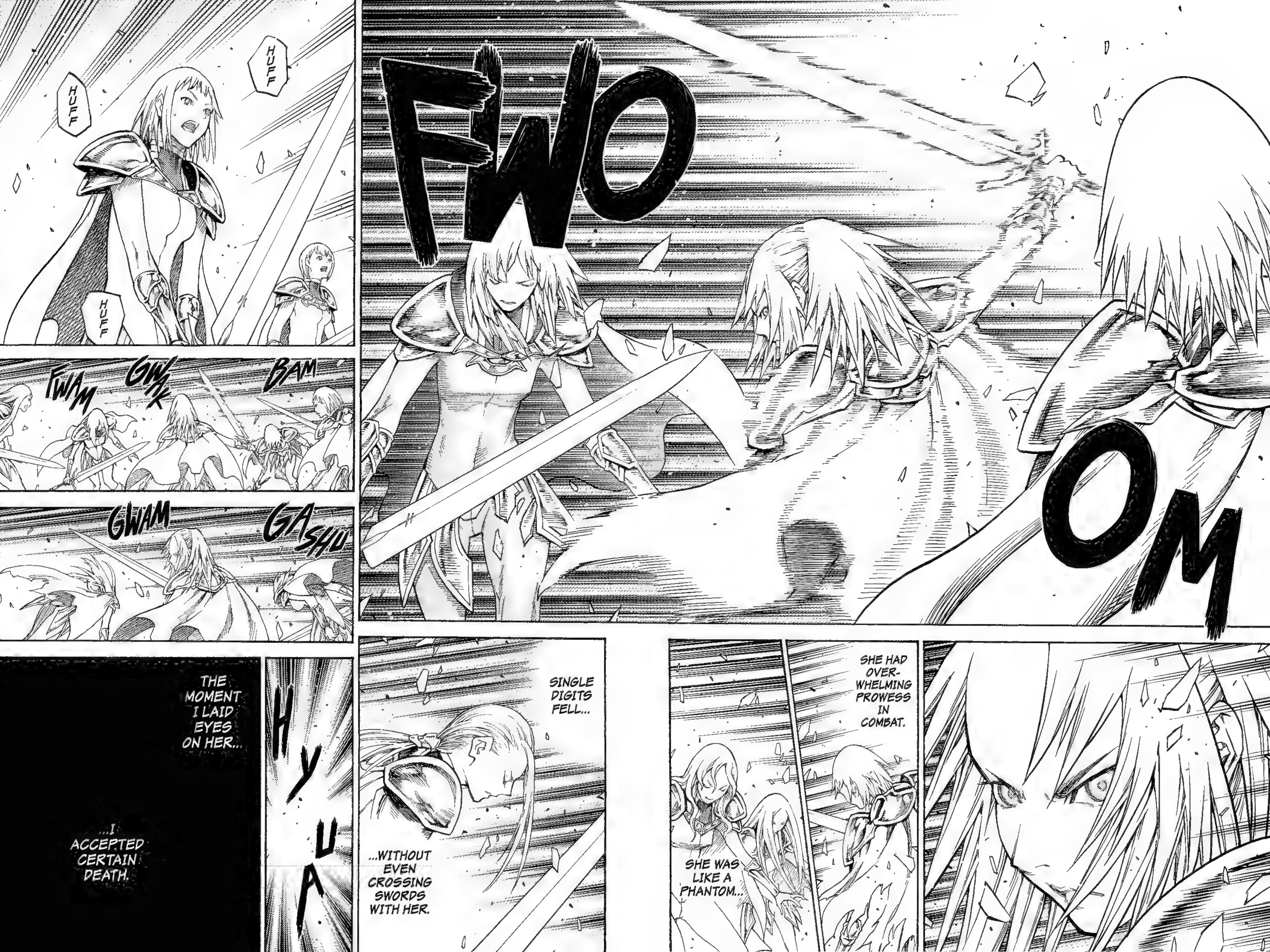

IT WAS A SITUATION THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN LAUGHABLE...
...BUT THE WARRIORS WHO HAD GATHERED TO INTERCEPT THE ATTACK WERE SILENT.
WARRIOR ...? COMRADE ...?
THAT WARRIOR, WHOM I HAD NEVER SEEN...
...CARRIED WITH HER AN AIR OF SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY.
THE VOICES OF THE MEN IN THE ORGANIZATION CALLED ME BACK TO MYSELF...
...AND IN CONFUSION, I DREW MY SWORD, WHICH WAS HEAVIER THAN USUAL.
WE SOON LEARNED THE REASON FOR THE UNEASY FEELING THAT WASHED OVER US.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SHE HAD OVER-WHELMING PROWESS IN COMBAT.
SHE WAS LIKE A PHANTOM...
SINGLE DIGITS FELL...
...WITHOUT EVEN CROSSING SWORDS WITH HER.
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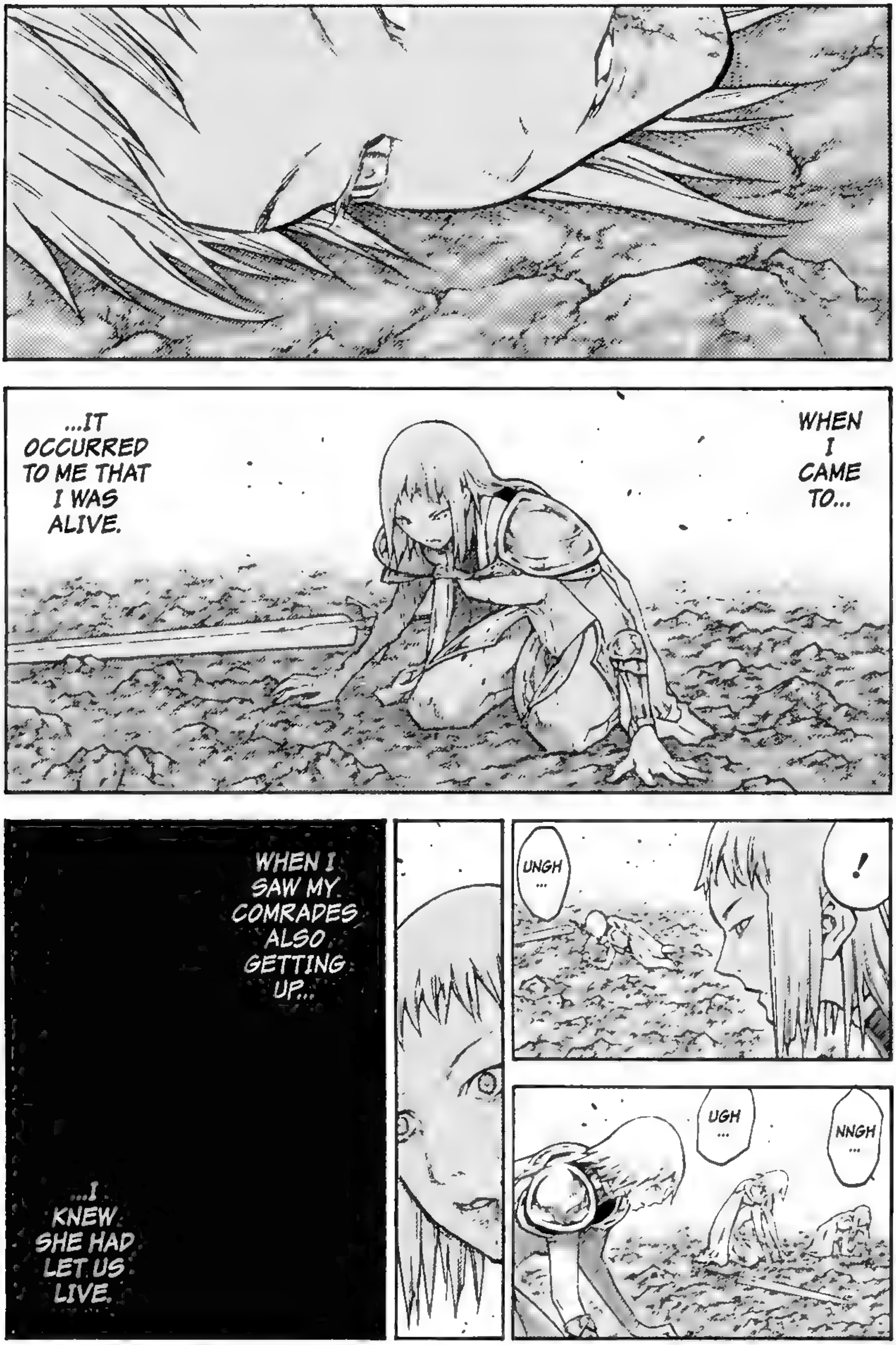
THE MOMENT I LAID EYES ON HER...
...I ACCEPTED CERTAIN DEATH.


WHEN I CAME TO...
...IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT I WAS ALIVE.
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UNGH ...
NNGH ...
UGH ...
WHEN I SAW MY COMRADES ALSO GETTING UP...
...I KNEW SHE HAD LET US LIVE.

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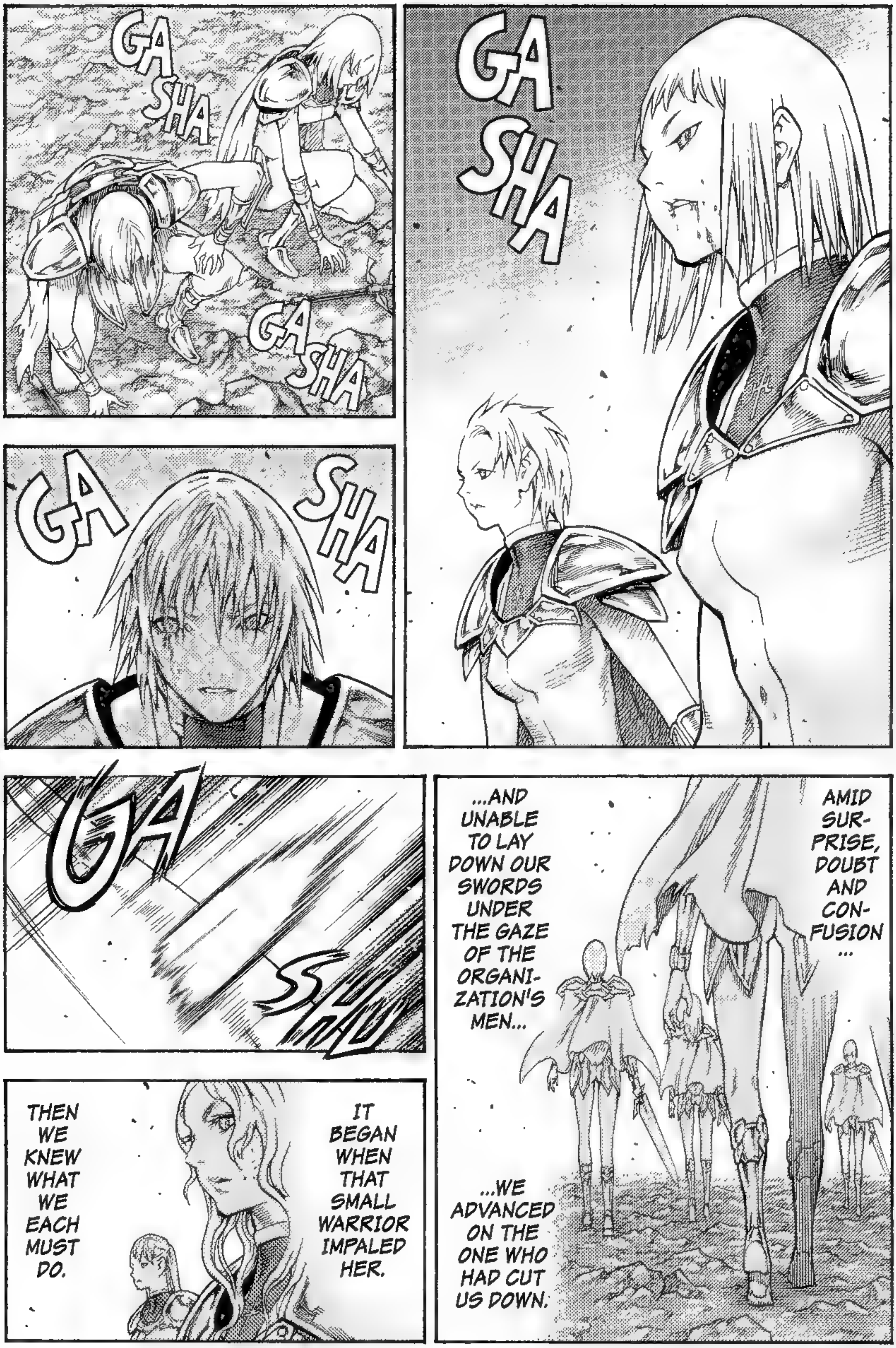
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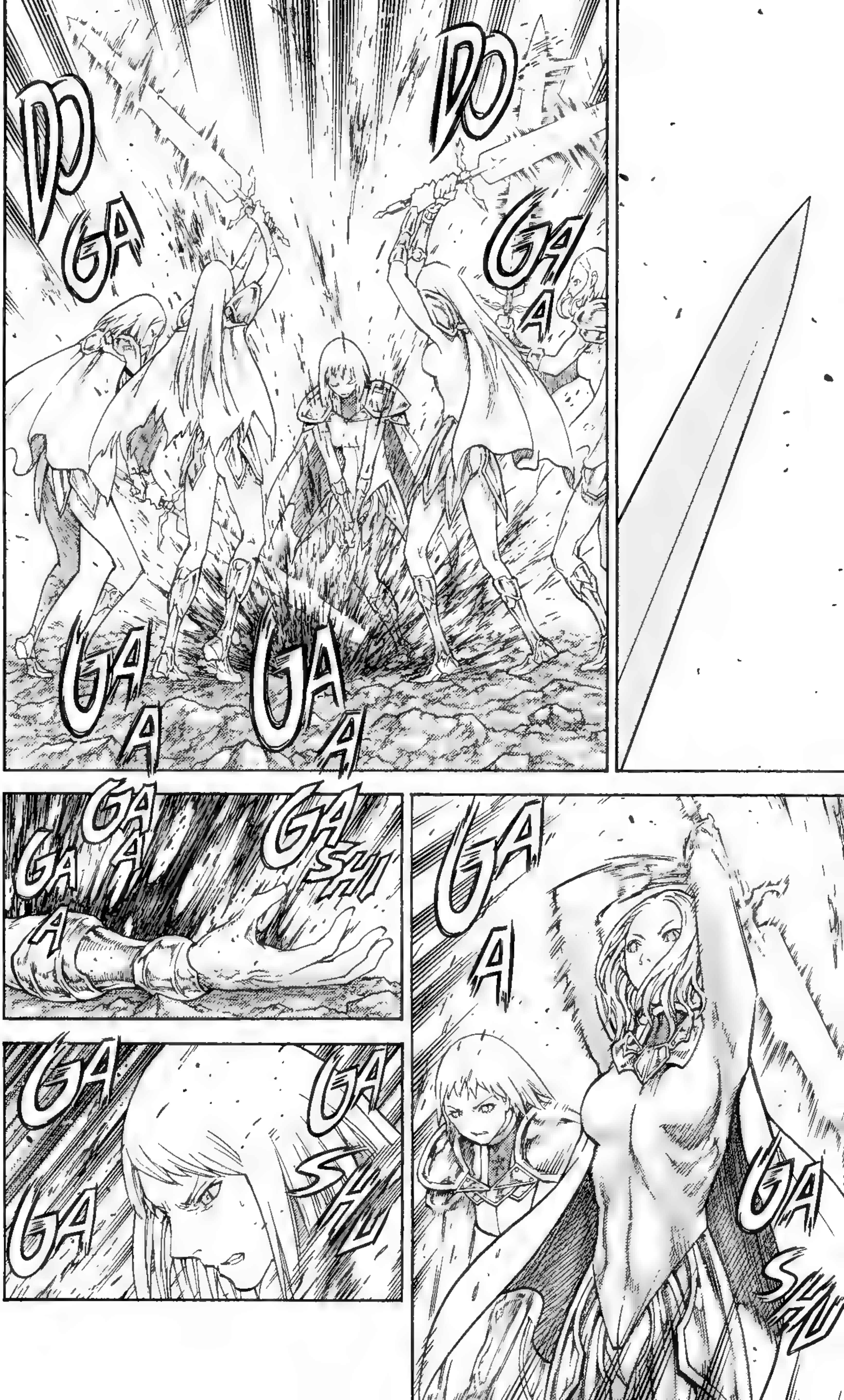
SSHU
AMID SURPRISE, DOUBT AND CONFUSION...
...AND UNABLE TO LAY DOWN OUR SWORDS UNDER THE GAZE OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MEN...
...WE ADVANCED ON THE ONE WHO HAD CUT US DOWN.
IT BEGAN WHEN THAT SMALL WARRIOR IMPALED HER.
THEN WE KNEW WHAT WE EACH MUST DO.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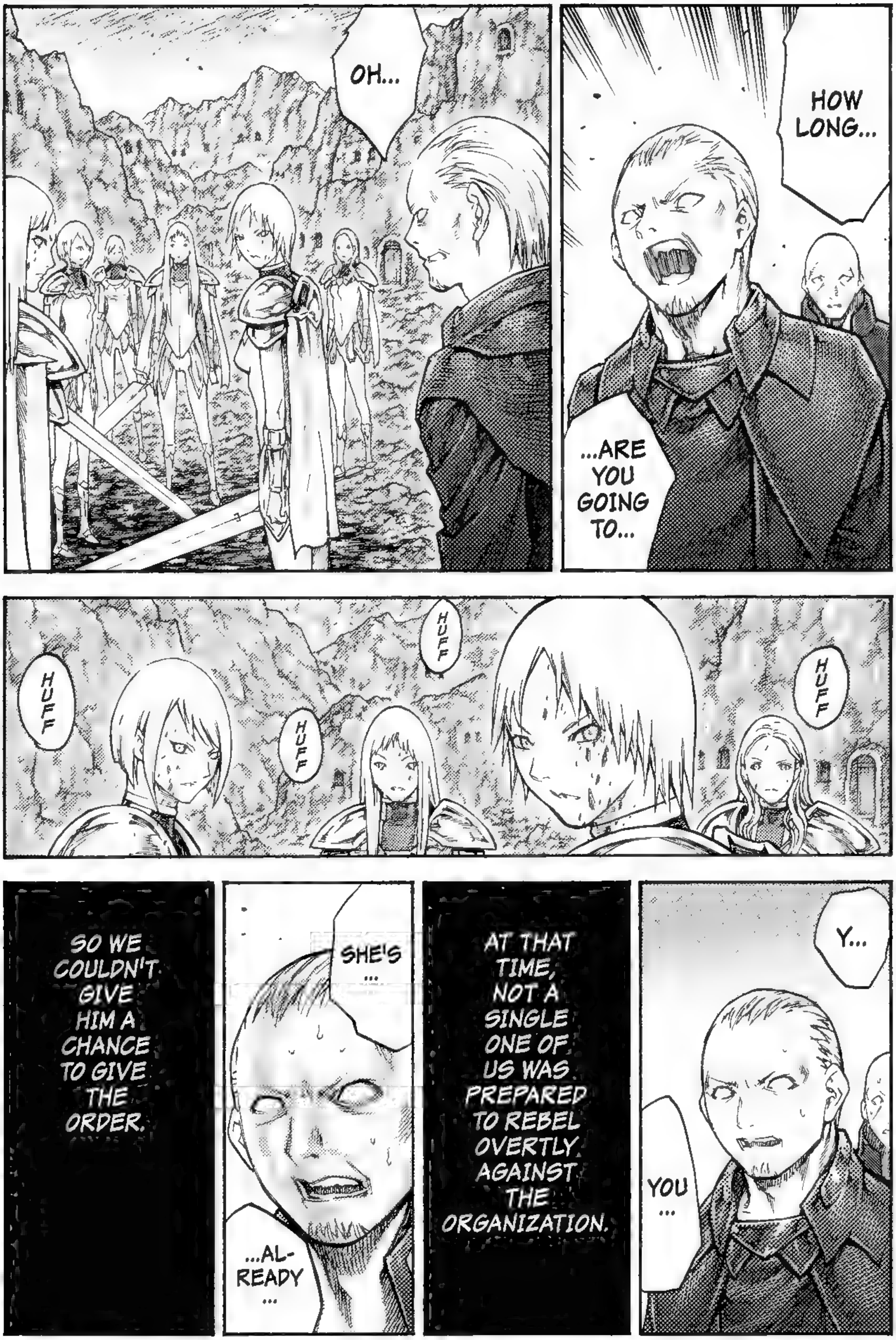
HOW LONG...
...ARE YOU GOING TO...
OH...
HUFF
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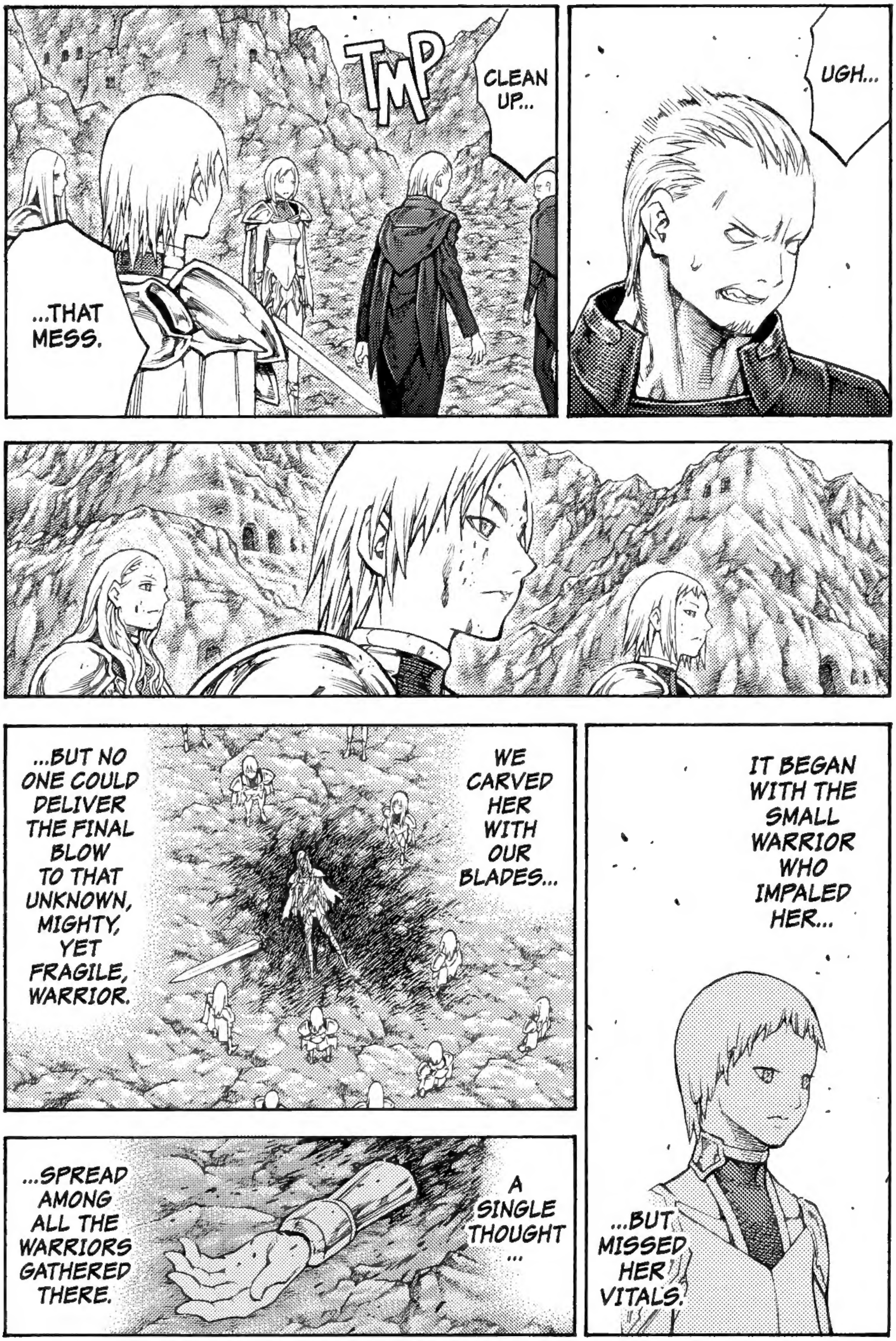
HUFF
Y...
YOU...
AT THAT TIME, NOT A SINGLE ONE OF US WAS PREPARED TO REBEL OVERTLY AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION.
SHE'S...
...ALREADY...
SO WE COULDN'T GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO GIVE THE ORDER.


UGH...
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CLEAN UP...
...THAT MESS.
IT BEGAN WITH THE SMALL WARRIOR WHO IMPALED HER...
...BUT MISSED HER VITALS.
WE CARVED HER WITH OUR BLADES...
...BUT NO ONE COULD DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW TO THAT UNKNOWN, MIGHTY, YET FRAGILE, WARRIOR.
A SINGLE THOUGHT...
...SPREAD AMONG ALL THE WARRIORS GATHERED THERE.

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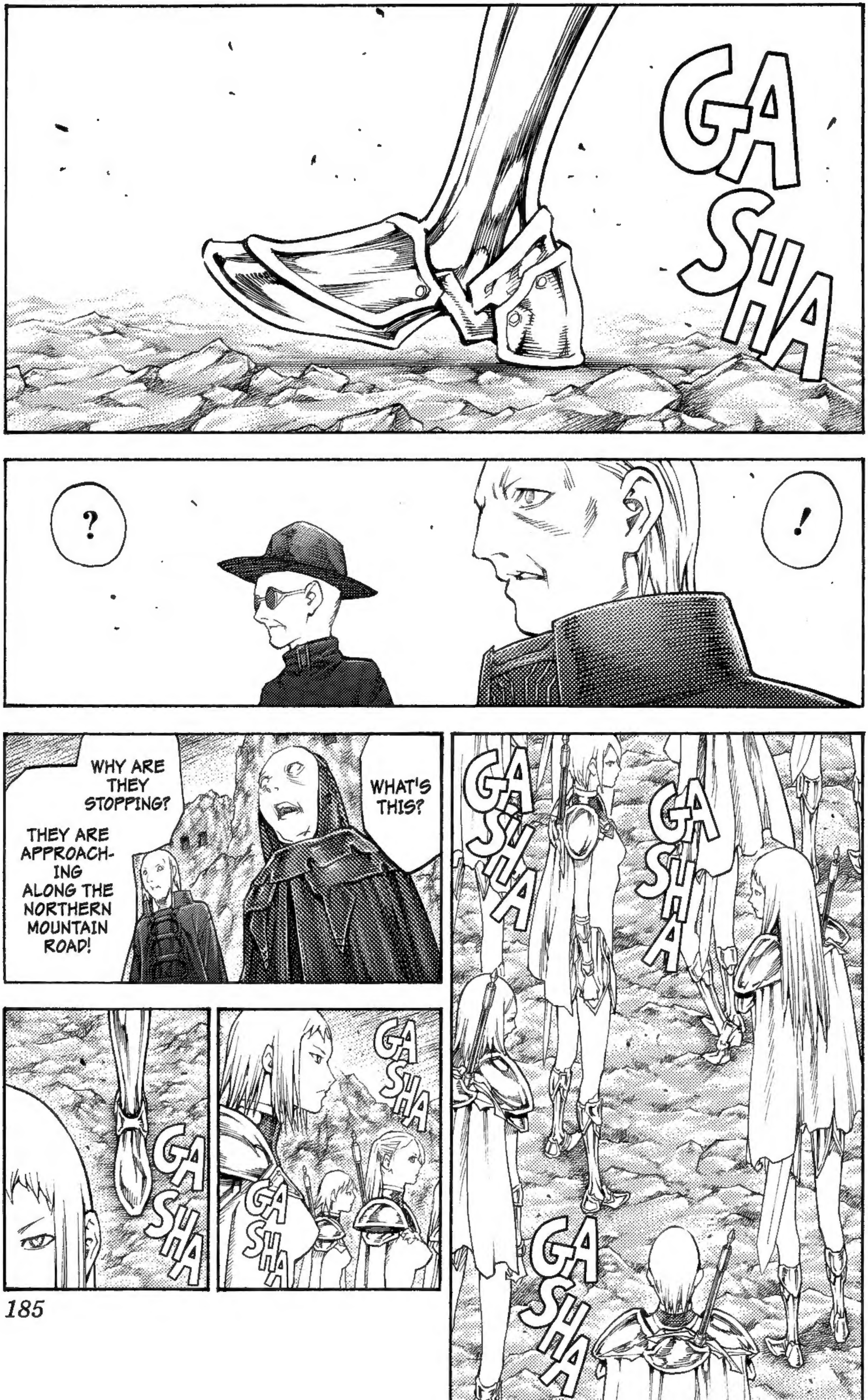
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WHAT'S THIS?
WHY ARE THEY STOPPING?
THEY ARE APPROACHING ALONG THE NORTHERN MOUNTAIN ROAD!
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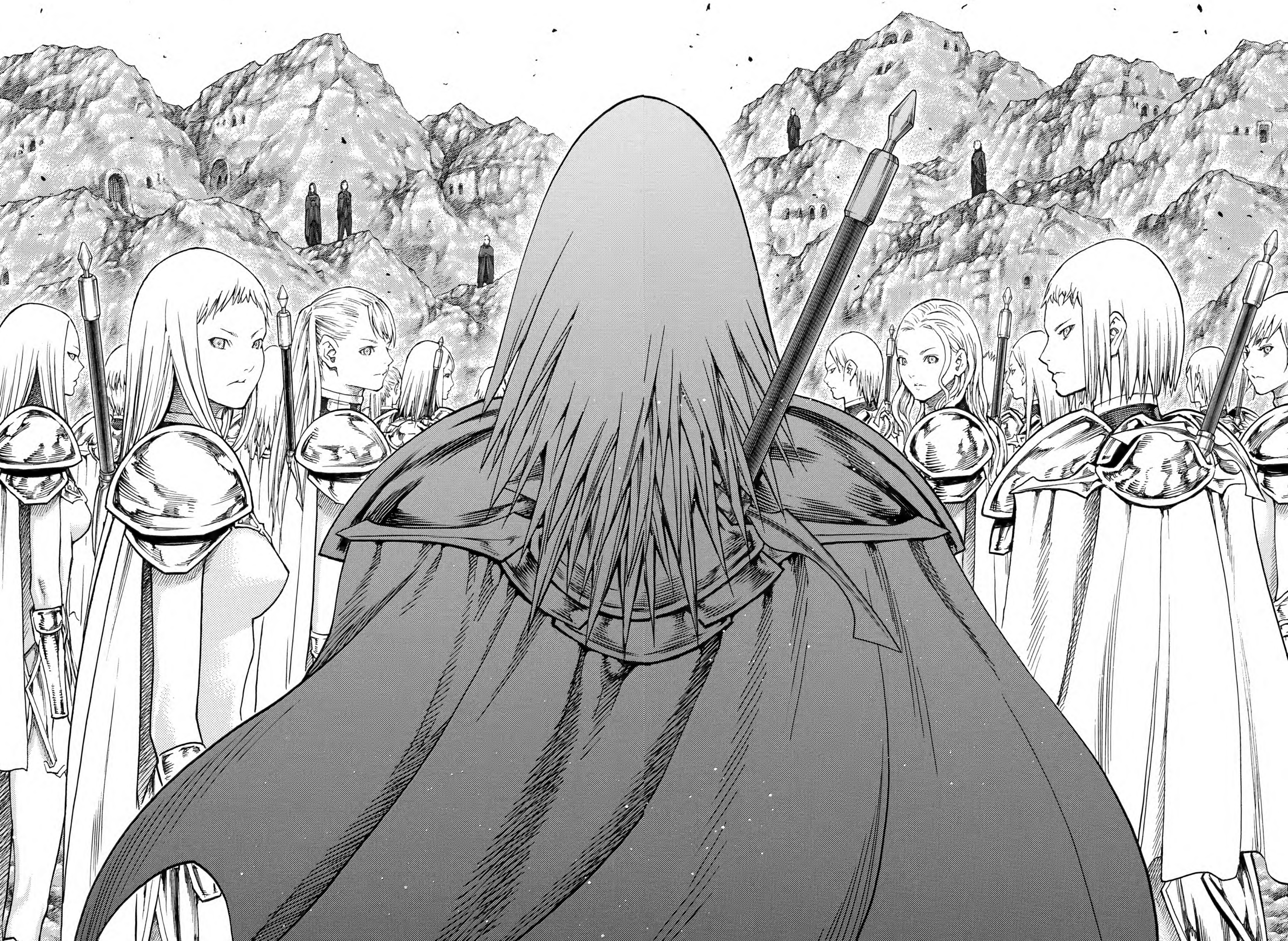

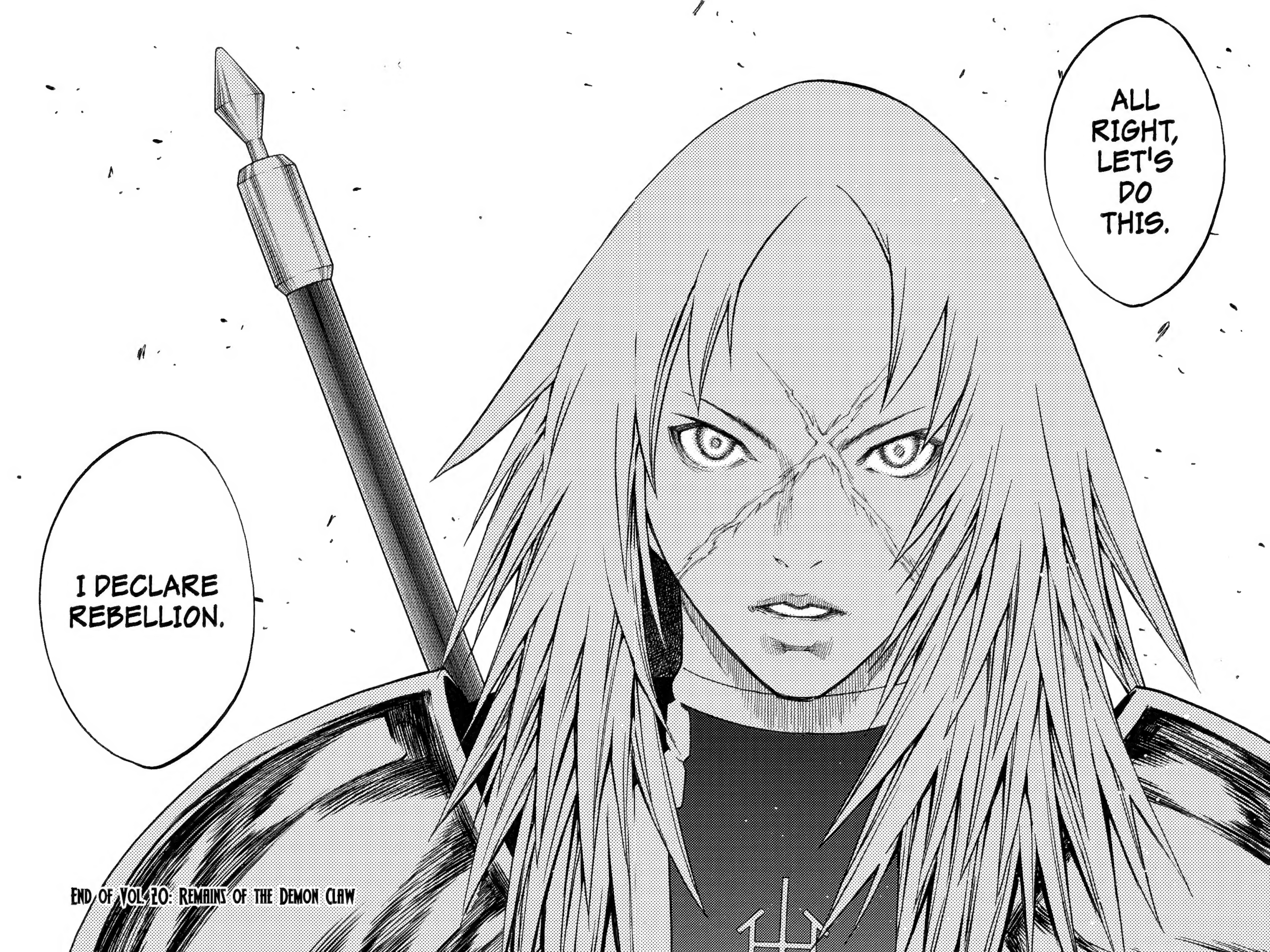
ALL RIGHT, LET'S DO THIS.
I DECLARE REBELLION.

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